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THE
SAINTS
LEGACIES:

Together with the
SAINTS SUPPORT.

Believe the Promises, so
shall you prosper.

By believing and applying the
Promises, we come to partici-
pate of the Divine Nature.

2 Pet. i. 4. *Whereby are given un-
to us exceeding great and preci-
ous Promises, that by these we
might be partakers of the Divine
Nature.*

2 Cor. vij. 1. *Having therefore
these Promises (dearly beloved)
let us cleanse our selves from all
filthiness of the flesh and spirit,
perfecting Holiness in the Fear
of God.*



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OR,
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OUT OF THE
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TO THE
 Right Honourable and happy Society
 OF ALL
 TRUE BELIEVERS;
 Militant, in England, Scotland and
 Ireland:

A Friend to you and the Author,
 wisheth fulness of Grace, Peace, and
 heavenly Comfort, certain Assurance,
 sealed Evidence, and seasonable En-
 trance into, and Possession of the Ce-
 lestial, promised, incorruptible, undefi-
 led, and never-fading Inheritance.

Beloved Believers,

BOTH you and I are infinitely
 obliged to our ever-living
 Father, who hath bestow-
 ed upon all us his Children great
 A 3 Wealth,

To all true Believers.

Wealth, rich Portions, and large Legacies, now in present possession ; Graces and Comforts , in unshaken Expectation ; and, in assured Reversion, Perfection and eternal Glory. And surely, we are all of us much beholden to the holy Author of this sweet (though little) Book, who hath so piously, painfully, and profitably perused the holy Will of our Heavenly Father , and wisely sought, and found out, and put into our hands, the spiritual Portion , and Soul-Legacies , given and bequeathed unto us by our best Friend ; many of which, most scarce knew of, few sought and sued for them, and very few comfortably enjoyed, and wisely and diligently used to the Donor's glory, and their own good. Careless Children come often-times to be

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This little Book, and private practice of the Author (who hath sued for all these Legacies, and in some good measure hath attained the same, and thereby is become spiritually rich) will sufficiently prove what I have spoken. We are much beholden to this Author, for letting us see our Portions and Legacies in our Father's Will, and setting us a-work both by Pen and Practice to sue for the same.

The Volume is little, but the vertue contained in the same is great. The Book is extraordinary, being altogether for Application and Practice. The scope and drift of it is, to furnish Believers with abundance of good; to free them from all sins inward, outward, secret and open; to fill them

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them with all Graces in life, power, and exercise; to bring them comfort in, and seasonable deliverance from all their troubles; to draw down upon their Souls and Bodies abundance of Blessings of all sorts and natures; to give them full assurance of certain and seasonable entrance into Glory; and to give them fast hold of Heaven.

There are many, I know, that will little regard it: the prophane person will not like it, for it is full of holiness; the carnal Protestant will not discern it, nor relish it, for it is spiritual: The dissembling Hypocrite will not well approve of it; for it will rob him of his *Rimmon*, slay his Beloved, his *Dalilah*, his *Herodias*, his darling-sin; it will tell him, if he applies Promises, he must keep

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keep the Conditions, obey Precepts, and put every Iniquity, though never so pleasurable or profitable, far away from his Tabernacle. But the honest-hearted and sincere Believer, will approve of it, prize it, use it, and profit by it.

And not to over-commend my commodity, as one desirous to make it more vendible, and saleable (for neither I, nor its Author, God is witness, aim at any such thing, but at the spiritual good of their Souls unto whom it shall come;) this little Book contains within it heavenly Receipts of all sorts, wholesome Physick of every kind; for expelling and curing all sorts of Diseases and Sickneses incident to Saints, and for the corroborating and strengthening of new nature, and for keep-
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ing the spiritual man in good health, lusty and strong, able for God's service, *Phil. ij. 12.* and for working out his own Salvation with Fear and Trembling. What here I speak unto one Believer, I intend for all.

Hath Sin, that deadly poison, infected thee? Lo, here in this little Book, an Antidote, a Preservative, which will extract and expel this poison. Hath the fiery Serpent stung thee? *Numb. xxi. 8.* Lo here the *Brazen Serpent* upon the Pole. Hath it beggar'd and undone thee? *Job iij. 14, 15.* Behold a way in this Book how thou maist become rich. Doth it daily trouble thee? will it needs tyrannize and domineer over thee? This little Book will learn thee to depose this Tyrant, *Amos vi. 14.* and tell thee, He shall not have

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have Dominion and Lordship over thee. Hath it stricken thee dead? Lo here's means of reviving and enliv'ning thee to an happy life of Grace. Doth it threaten thy ruin? Lo, here is physick for thy fears: 1 Cor. xv. 55. Death hath lost its sting, Sin is destroyed; death shall fully and finally free thee from it. Art thou hunted like a poor Lamb by the hellish devouring Lion Satan, and chased before this infernal Dog, like a silly Deer in temptations? Lo, here a thicket, a shelter, a shepherd, under which thou maist repose and rest thy self in safety. Art thou overcome with his wily stratagems? Lo, here's Wisdom. Art thou beaten down with his power? Lo, here's strength. Fearest thou the fiery darts of this evil one? Lo, here's

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a little House full of Targets,
Shields, and Bucklers, *Eph. vi.*
16. (promises applied by Faith)
which will repel and quench
them, *Job vi. 4.* Do God's Ter-
rors set themselves in array against
thee? are God's Arrows in thee?
doth his flaming wrath burn in
thy bosom, and is likely to con-
sume thee? Lo, streams of mer-
cy and grace, by Faith in the
Promises; flow forth, as from a
refreshing Fountain upon thy
Soul, and allay its burning Heat
and Inflammations. Doth the wily
world endeavour to intangle and
inveagle thee by its lures and
snares? Lo here Liberty, Freedom,
better things propounded and pro-
mised, which Believers do for the
present in some measure enjoy,
and shall have a most certain and
full possession of, afterward.
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Wanteſt thou Grace, Comfort, Deliverance, Bleſſing, or any good thing? Behold, here thou maiſt have them, to the great joy of thine Heart, and content of thy Spirit.

Set Faith a work to draw out what thou wanteſt, and thou ſhalt have it. Suck theſe ſweet and Heavenly Breaſts of God by the Mouth of thy Faith; open theſe Pipes and veins of the Promiſes, which run ſo full of mercy, grace, truth, comfort, joy and peace, for every Believer, by Faith, and thou ſhalt be ſatiate with every good thing.

Leſt I ſhould make too great a Porch for this little Houſe, and too great Gates for this little City, I will conclude with an exhortation to all my beloved Brethren and Siſters which are Believers,

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to perfect their Faith by Application of the Promises, both of these in this sweet little Book, and of all others contained in the Old and New Testament.

Suffer not God's Promises to be spent in vain; rest not satisfied till you have obtained that from God, which you may have by believing and begging, to your great comfort and enriching: but trade with that wealthy Merchant in the far Country, the Lord Jesus in Heaven, for his rich Commodities of Graces, and Comforts, and glorious Hopes, until you be rich and wealthy; and for this purpose cause those two good Factors *Faith* and *Prayer*, founded upon, and quickned, and confirmed by the precious Promises, alway to trade for you in Heaven, until you come thither
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your selves. I would desire all Believers to make this their Pocket-Book, that it may sollicit and invite them to Prayer, make solid and firm their Faith, encrease their Graces, Comforts, and heavenly Hopes; prepare them for enduring the Storms of Trouble, and tempests of Temptations, and may encourage them in holy well-doing, and Christian Perseverance unto the end, *Heb. vi. 12.* Now Brethren, my hearts desire is, that ye be not slothful, but followers of them, who through Faith and Patience inherit the Promises.

That you may be Inheritors of them, it shall be my daily Prayer unto the Lord my God, to bestow upon your Hearts, to use all good means for the attaining of the good in these and other Promises

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mises of God unto his People: that he would teach and enable you to meditate upon them diligently day and night; to believe them firmly, to apply them severally, particularly, personally; to sue for them earnestly by Prayer constant and fervent; to wait for their promised accomplishment by Patience; that so you may enjoy the good of them here and hereafter: Which God in mercy grant unto me, and also unto you. *Amen.*

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MAN, which at the beginning was created happy, *Gen. i. 26. Eph. ij. 10.* having now lost God and his Image, is of all Earthly Creatures become most miserable, no less than a slave of the Devil, a Child of Wrath, and an Heir of eternal Damnation, *Eph. ij. 2, 3.* This is not the estate of a few only, but of all Mankind out of Christ; for we are all by nature under the Curse, *2 Cor. iv. 4. Rom. v. 19. Gal. iij. 10.* The best, before their Conversion, were by nature Children of Wrath, even as others, *Ephes. ij. 3. Rom. v. 12.* for every Woman's Child did fall equally in *Adam*: Hence it comes to pass, that no Man by nature is now in better esteem

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esteem with God than other. *Cain* and *Abel*, as Children of the first *Adam* only, were equally miserable; the like may be said of us all: for both *Jews* and *Gentiles* are come under Sin, *Rom. iij. 9.* and as the *Psalmist* saith, *We all are gone out of the way, we are altogether become filthy, there is none righteous no not one, Psal. xiv. 3.* O, that Men and Women had their Eyes enlightned, and Judgments convinced of that woful plight, in which naturally they are! Oh! were their hearts throughly laden therewith, surely they would not long content themselves therein. The truth is, most in the world are spiritually blind, and cannot discern their own misery; and spiritually dead too, *1 Job. v. 25. Eph. ij. 1, 5.* and cannot be affected with it. The Holy Ghost saith thus of them, *Eph. iv. 18, 19.* *They walk in the vanity of their mind, having their understanding darkned, and are strangers from the life of God, through the ignorance which is in them; because of the hardness of their hearts; who being past feeling,*

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feeling, have given themselves unto wantonness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. Such as these, are so far from having any right to God's Promises, that for the present they are under the curse, and consequently in the dint of all the plagues and threatnings in God's Book, *Deut. xxvij. ult. Deut. xxviii. 50, 63.* Wherefore, let not such as yet challenge any comfort from the Promises; but let them rather labour to the uttermost of their power, in using all good means to be made capable and fit subjects for mercy revealed in the Promises. Is it not pity so many sweet Promises of life should be made, and yet thou die and be damned notwithstanding? Pray fervently to God that he would touch thy heart with grief for all thy Sins, and work in thee a clear apprehension of thine own unworthiness, *Act. ij. 37. Luke xv. 19.* and that he would bestow Faith on thee, that by it thou maist be able to go wholly out of thy self to God through Jesus Christ for Salvation.

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We having departed from him, who is the God of all Grace and Consolation, are fall'n into an estate of all baseness, desolation and misery; and cannot be recovered again into the former estate of spiritual life, and happiness, unless we be brought again to him who is the foundation of life and happiness, even the living God: and brought to him we can never be, but by Faith, *Heb. xi. 6.* which is nothing else but the going out of the Soul to God through Christ, to fetch a new principle of spiritual life and grace, which once in *Adam* we lost, and now need. The which work of Faith is not wrought but by the Promises; and being wrought in our hearts, gives us a most sure right and interest unto all the promises of Grace, *Rom. x. 8; 17. Heb. vi. 12, 17.* Thus we through Faith and Patience, are said to inherit the Promises, therefore we are called the Heirs of the Promise: the Promises are as well ours, who truly believe, as Heaven it self is. Now by these Heavenly Promises, God our Father hath

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ses in matters temporal, spiritual and eternal. So that here is a medicine for every Disease, and a salve for every Sore. Read them carefully, and ponder them seriously, and apply them faithfully. And I beseech the good Lord, who is the Author of them, that by his holy Spirit he would make them powerful and effectual in us.

Consider what is said, and the Lord give us understanding in all things, 1 Tim. ij. 7.



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Whatsoever Promise is made in general, to all the Faithful, every one must particularly apply it to themselves: as Gen. iii. 14. the Messiah is promised to all, every one must apply him to themselves.

2. Whatsoever Promise is made to any one of the Faithful (if there be not some particular reason which ties it to his person, as was to Abraham for a Son, and his seed to inherit the Land of Canaan) every Child of God hath right to it; as you may see, Josh. 5. I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. This every one may apply to themselves, as we know the Holy Ghost applies it, Heb. xlii. 5. For he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Which teacheth us to do the like in all the rest of the Promises.

3. Under temporal Promises to the Jews, are set forth the excellent promised Graces which God will give to his people after the coming of Christ, Ezek. xxxiv. 25, 26, 27.

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4. When we read the Conditions of the Promises, they are not like to the Duties of the Law, made to the perfect fulfillers of them; the Promises are Evangelical, made to those which endeavour to keep them, and the main Condition of them is Faith.

5. In all the Promises for increase of Grace, or means of Grace, or for any earthly things, we must know we shall have them so far performed to us, as the Lord seeth good for us.

6. In our weak endeavouring to keep the Promises, we must believe the performance to us, in, by, and through Christ; In whom all the Promises of God are, Yea, and Amen: That is, as I conceive, confirmed and made good to us in him, 2 Cor. ij. 20. When we can see nothing in our selves, why they should be performed to us, even then we are to claim them for Christ's sake, if thou be in Christ: for if thou be not in him no Promise belongs to thee: but that threatening and judgments are thy Portion, and nothing else can we claim as our due. Sorrow, weeping, and hoping, is that which God requireth of us, and not laying hand upon the comfortable Promises: till we hunger after Christ; which God grant we may do more and more, till we come to be satisfied with his Image in the life to come. Psal. xviij. 15.

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These Promises I have observed for Spiritual things.

The I. LEGACY.

If we find nothing in our selves that may move God.

When we find nothing in our selves that might move the Lord to have mercy, then apply these Promises, *Iſa. xliii. 25. I will be, that blotterh out thy transgressions for mine own ſake, and will not remember*

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thy sins, Isa. xlii. 22. *I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins: return unto me, for I have redeemed thee.*

Jer. 31. 14. *I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

Ezek. xxxvi. 25. *I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness.*

Isa. lvij. 18. *I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore comfort unto him, and to his mourners.*

These Promises are free, made by the Lord, not for any thing that is in man, as you may see in *Isaiah* xlii. from the 22. vers. to the 25. for the Lord saith they had not called upon him, but wearied the Lord; brought him no offering, yea, wearied him with their sin; and yet in the 25. vers. he saith, *For his own sake he would forgive their sins.*

These Promises we shall have always need of, as at our conversion, to afterwards many times we shall to our own feeling find nothing in our selves to per-
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Swade us of the pardon of our sins : then we must flie to these free promises. When thou seest nothing in thy self why the Lord should pardon thy sins, and therefore doubtest of the pardon of them, apply, *I am he that puts away thy sins for mine own sake.*

When thy sins rise up as a cloud, that thou canst see nothing but them, apply, *I have put away thy sins as a cloud.*

When thou fearest the multitude of thy sins, apply, *You shall be clean from all your sins.*

The II. LEGACY.

If we fear, God will remember our Sins to punish them.

When we fear God will remember our sins before committed, to punish us for them, apply, *Jer. xxxi. 34. I will remember his sin no more.* *Ezek. xliij. 21. His transgression which he hath committed shall not be mentioned to him,*

him, but in the righteousness which he hath done shall he live.

Ezek. xxxiiij. 16. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned to him.

The III. LEGACY.

*If often sinning cause thee to doubt
of pardon.*

WHen thine often sinning causeth thee to fear that God will not pardon thee, apply Job xxxiiij. 27, 28, 29. He looketh upon men; and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profiteth me not: he will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these things work with God, oftentimes with Man. Wherefore believe not Satan that perswades the contrary, nor let thy corruptions make thee bold to presume of pardon; for though God promise pardon, yet it is to the penitent, not to the presumptuous, as ver. 27.

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The IV. LEGACY.

If thou Despair.

When thou art at the pits-brink of despair, and art dried up with sorrow, then go to some faithful Preacher that is able to preach Christ unto thee; and apply these Promises, Job xxxiiij. 24, 25, 26.

Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom. His flesh shall be fresher than a child's, he shall return to the days of his youth. He shall pray unto God, and he shall be favourable unto him; and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

Isai. lvij. 19. I create the fruit of the lips, peace, peace, unto him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord, and I will heal him.

When thou comest to the uttermost extremity for sin, apply, *I will have mercy on him, and deliver him that be go not down to the pit.*

When thou fearest that God or his Ministers will not speak peace unto thee, apply, *I have received a reconciliation, I create the fruit of the lips to be peace to them that are far off, and to them that are near.*

When thy sorrows have withered thee up, apply, *He shall return as in the days of his youth, and his flesh shall be as the flesh of a Child.*

If in this estate thou fearest God will not hear prayers for thee, apply, *He shall pray to God, and he will be favourable to him.*

When thou fearest thou shalt not be able to look upon the Lord with joy, apply, *He shall see his face with joy.*

When thou seest not any thing in thy self, that should cause thee to believe this, apply, *He will render to man his righteousness; which is (I think) Christ's righteousness, for whose sake he will do it.*

The V. LEGACY.

*If thou findest Sin an heavy burthen,
and Satan pursuing.*

WHen thou feelest sin an heavy burthen, and Satan pursuing thee with many fears, by reason of the same, flie to Christ, and apply, *Matth. xi. 28, 29. Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matth. i. 21. He shall save his people from their sins.*

Rom. vi. 20. And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. Isa. xxxij. 3. And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of waters in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary Land. Thus doth Christ to the soul that flies to him.

If Satan pursue thee, apply, He is a hiding place.

If storms of temptations and afflictions do arise, apply, He is a refuge against the tempest.

If thy soul be ready to faint through weakness, apply, *He is a river of water in a dry place*, to revive thy spirits, and as the shadow of a great rock under which thou mayst safely repose thyself. When thou findest thy sins very heavy, apply, *I will ease you*.

When thou hast no rest in thy soul because of sin, apply, *You shall find rest to your souls*. He shall save his people from their sins: both from the punishment and the power.

If thou fearest length of time in temptations, apply, *The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly*.

THE VI. LEGACY.

If thou turn from Sin, and yet doubt of Pardon.

When thou turnest from sin, and doubtest of the pardon of it, apply *Isa. i. 18. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though*

though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isa. lv. 7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Mic. vij. 18, 19. Who is a God like unto thee, who pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgressions of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us, he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the Sea.

Prov. xxi. 13. He that confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall find mercy.

1 Joh. i. 9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When thou seest thy soul of a sinful colour, apply, Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as wool.

If thou fearest God will hardly be entreated, apply, He will have mercy, for he is ready to forgive.

If we fear that our sins have taken such strong hold upon us, as we shall never get from them, apply, *He will cleanse as from all our unrighteousness.* Seeing God promiseth to be the cleanser, fear not the hardness of the work.

The VII. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have thy manifold rebellions subdued.

WHen thou feelest many rebellions in thine heart and life, and wouldst have them not only pardoned, but subdued, apply *Hos. xiv. 5. I will heal their back-slidings.* Which promise (as I think) contains thus much, that God will not only pardon, but heal us; and instead of rebellious hearts and lives, will give us obedient hearts and lives. For as healing followeth the curing of sickness; so obedience doth the curing of rebellion, *Mic. vii. 19. He will subdue our iniquities.*

When thou feelest sin very strong, flie

to this promise, and apply the strength of him that promiseth, against the strength of sin: it is the Lord that hath promised to subdue it; what though Sin and Satan join their force together, yet the Lord is stronger than all their force, we need not doubt.

The VIII. LEGACY.

If thy heart be hard and full of corruption.

WHen thou feelest thine heart hard, and full of corruption, apply, Ezek. xxxvi. 26. *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

Deut. xxx. 6. *And the Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayst live.*

When thou feelest thine heart worldly,

ly, carnal, apply, *I will circumcise thy heart: A new heart will I give thee.*

When nothing will break thine heart apply the power of *Jehovah*, that hath promised to cure thee, in taking away thy stony heart.

The IX. LEGACY.

If unbridled Nature break out into Passion.

WHen thou canst not bridle Nature, but it breaks forth into violent passions, to contention, apply *Isa. xi. 6. The Wolf also shall dwell with the Lamb, and the Leopard shall lie down with the Kid: and the Calf, and the young Lion, and the Fawning together, and a little Child shall lead them.* Such shall be the power of the Gospel, that those which are by nature like Wolves and devouring Beasts, shall dwell very peaceably: and if we find our nature such, we must apply, *The Wolf shall dwell with the Lamb.*

Mic. vij. 19. He will subdue our iniquities,

ties, and will cast all our sins into the depth of the Sea. That which is cast into the Sea, as it appeareth not in sight, so we cannot get it again, though we would: so will God do by our sins; cast them out of his sight, so as we shall not return to them any more: press him with his promise, and you shall find more than you think.

The X. LEGACY.

If thou be in bondage to some Sin.

When thou feelest thy self in bondage to some sin, apply, *Joh. viij. 32. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Rom. vi. 14. Sin shall not have dominion over you.

When thou feelest thy bondage, that thou canst not do good, or keep thy self from evil; apply, *The truth shall make you free.*

If thy sins often prevail against thee, apply, *Sin shall not have dominion over you.*

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Pfal. cxxx. 8. He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

The XI. LEGACY.

If thou fearest the breaking out of strong sins.

WHen thou feelest some sin so strong in thee, that thou fearest it will break out to Gods dishonour, and the blemishing of Religion, apply, *1 Thes. v. 23, 24. That your whole spirit soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. That God which hath called thee, will keep thee blameless unto the coming of Christ: therefore use the means, and rest upon the Lords faithfulness, which never faileth them which trust in him.*

2 Thes. iij. 3. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you and keep you from evil.

1 Joh. i. 9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and

to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. By cleansing (as I think) is meant not only from the guilt of sin, but the power of it, that the filthiness of it shall not appear in our lives and conversations. When sin pursues thee hard to make thee fall, do thou pursue the Lord with prayers for performance of this promise, and doubt not of the issue.

Mic. vii. 19. *He will subdue our iniquities.* And to these add the prayer of Christ, Joh. xvij. 15. *I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.* Now what greater evil than sin? therefore, though thy prayers be but weak against it, yet he hath prayed that was alway heard; therefore fight, and be sure of Victory.

The XII. LEGACY.

When thou art stayed from Sin by Admonition.

When thou art stay'd from sin by admonition, apply, Ezek. iii. 21.

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If thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned.

When any admonish thee, obey, and it shall be life to thy soul therefore receive the admonition, and apply, *He shall live, because he is admonished.*

The XIII. LEGACY.

If thou fearest God will destroy thee for Sin.

IF thou fearest God will destroy thee for thy sins, apply, *Ezek. xviii. 30. Turn your selves from all your transgressions, so iniquity shall not be your ruin.*

Matth. i. 21. He shall save his people from their sins.

When thou fearest the greatness or multitude of thy sins will be thy destruction, apply, *Iniquity shall not be your ruin.*

When thou seeest no means of safety, apply, *He (that is, Christ) shall save his people from their sins.*

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The XIV. LEGACY.

If thou be tempted to Uncleanneß.

IF thou be tempted to uncleanness, apply, *Prov. ij. 16.* He shall deliver thee from the strange Woman.

1 Thess. v. 24. Thy body shall be kept blameless until the coming of Christ.

The XV. LEGACY.

If thou canst not find out thy sin, for which God corrects thee.

IF thou canst not find out thy sin for which God correcteth thee, apply, *Job. xxxix. 9.* If they be tyed with the cords of Affliction, then will I shew them their work and their sins.

A wise Father will not correct his Child, but he will shew him wherefore; how else should he amend his fault? much

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much more will the Lord. But we enjoy not many Promises, because we sue not for them.

Thus far about Sin: The next about Grace.

The XVI. LEGACY.

If thou doubt of Salvation.

IN doubt of Salvation, apply, God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, Joh. iij. 16.

Joh. v. 24. He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Joh. viij. 51. If any man keep my sayings, he shall never see death.

Joh. xi. 25. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

And whosoever believeth in me, shall never see death.

If thou doubt that thou shalt perish and not be saved, apply, *He that believes in Christ, shall not perish; but shall have everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation.* Labour to believe these promises; for that is required of thee for the obtaining what is promised.

THE XVII. LEGACY.

*If thy heart be as a wilderness,
barren of good.*

When thou findest thy heart as a wilderness barren of good, apply, *Isa. xxxv. 1, 2. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoyce, and blossom as the rose: It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoyce even with joy and singing.*

This Promise is made to the Church, and every member of it may apply it to themselves: therefore when thou feelest
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thine heart as a desert Wilderness, and waste ground, void of good, full of Briars and Thorns of Sin; then know thou shalt not only bring forth sweet smelling Graces like Roses, but also all abundance of them.

Prov. xi. 28. *The righteous shall flourish as a branch.* Prov. xiiij. 4. *The soul of the diligent shall be made fat.*

Hos. xiv. 5, 6. *I will be as the Dew to Israel: he shall grow as the Lily, and cast fourth his roots like Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the Olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon.* When we want means to make us fruitful, apply *The Lord will be a dew to Israel.*

When we desire to flourish and grow up in Grace, apply, *He shall grow as the Lily, his branch shall spread.*

If thou wouldst shine forth in the beauty of Holiness, apply, *His beauty shall be as the Olive-tree, and as the Lily, whose glory is greater than Solomon's in all his Royalty.*

If thou wouldst have thy Graces send forth a sweet smell, apply, *His smell shall be as Lebanon.*

If thou fearest the continuance of this estate, apply, *He shall fasten his roots as the trees of Lebanon.*

It matters not how great our barrenness be, when God will be a Dew to us: it will quickly make us fruitful, we shall bring forth fruits glorious to the sight, as the Lily, and as the Olive-tree; and the scent of our Graces shall be a sweet smelling savour, as the Trees of *Lebanon*. Therefore though thou feelest thy heart yet barren, and thou hast used means long, and yet art not fruitful, still use the means, and believe for therein did *Abraham* glorifie God, that he believed above hope, that *Sarah* should have a Son, whose womb was barren, and years past Child-bearing: so, though thine heart remain barren in thine own feeling, after long use of means, yet still follow seeking in the means, and believe: for we have as sure Promises, and as faithful a performer, as *Abraham* had, *Jesus Christ*, yesterday, and to day, and the same for ever.

John. vii. 38. He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of water of life.

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The XVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest Holiness.

When thou art troubled for want of Holiness, apply, *Exod. xix. 6. You shall be an holy Nation.*

Deut. xxviii. 9. And the Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself.

The Lord will make thee holy; therefore sin, nor satan, nor wicked men cannot hinder thy holiness: for he that makes thee holy is stronger than all, and doth what he will.

1 Thes. v. 23, 24. The God of peace shall sanctifie you throughout in spirit, soul, and body. Faithful is he which calleth you, which will also do it.

The XIX. LEGACY.

When thou canst not offer up any sacrifice.

When thou canst not offer up any sacrifice to God of prayer or praise

praise, or thy self in sacrifice; apply, *Exod. xix. 3. Ye shall be unto me a Kingdom of Priests.* God promiseth that we shall be Priests; that is, such as shall offer up sacrifice unto him, for that was the Priests office. Therefore when thou findest thy self unable to pray, or praise the Lord, or to offer up thy self to God, soul and body, strive in Faith grounded on the Promises, that he which commanded, hath also promised to make us able to do it, for he hath said, *We shall be Priests. Mal. i. 11. In every place incense shall be offered to my name, and a pure offering,* which is spoken of the believing Gentiles; therefore thou being one of them, shalt be able to offer up pure offerings.

The XX. LEGACY.

When thou feelest but little Grace.

When thou feelest little Grace;
Knowledge, Faith, Love, Repentance, all very little; apply, *Job viij. 7.*

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Though thy beginning be small, yet thy latter end shall greatly encrease.

Mat. xiiij. 12. Whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and he shall have abundance.

Therefore let not thy small beginnings discourage thee; but if thou canst prove thou hast some Grace, then join Faith and diligence together, and they will quickly make thee rich.

THE XXI. LEGACY.

When all thy Graces are weak.

WHen thou findest all thy Graces very weak, and no strength to perform any spiritual duty, either prayer or fasting, or any other duty; then apply, *Psal. xxix. 11. The Lord will give strength unto his People. Isa. xl. 29. 31. He giveth power to the faint, and to them which have no might, he increaseth strength. They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as Eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

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When thou feelest thy self faint, stay thy self with this promise, *He gives strength to him that fainteth.*

When thou feelest no power, apply, *To him that hath no strength he increaseth power.* If thou hast lost thy power, then stay thy self with this, *They shall renew their strength.*

If thou art ready to give over through weariness, then gather strength from this; *They shall run and not be weary, and walk and not be faint.*

And if thou findest not these promises performed unto thee, either thou endeavourest not to keep the conditions, or else thou art negligent in searching out the promises, or cold in suing for them: the Lord will be sought to for the performance.

Isa. xli. 10. *I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.* Isa. xxix. 4. *Trust thou in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.*

To know there is strength in the Lord is no comfort, unless we know it shall be

for us. Therefore since it is given for a comfort, it must include this Promise, *Thus the Lords strength for evermore shall be employed for our good.* Therefore when we want for either soul or body, we must fix our confidence in him, who will not fail us, if we seek unto him.

The XXII. LEGACY.

When thy heart is dried for want of Grace.

WHen thou feelest thy heart dried up for want of Grace, that thou canst not send forth any water of Grace in thy thoughts, words and works, apply, *Isa. xlv. 3. I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.*

Isa. lvij. 11. The Lord shall satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of waters, whose waters fail not.

Jer. xvij. 8. He shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh:

cometh : but her leaf shall be green, and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jer. xxxi. 12. Their soul shall be as a watered Garden.

Jam. iv. 6. God giveth Grace unto the humble.

Isa. xxxv. 6, 7. In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert ; And the parched Ground shall become a Pool, and the thirsty Land springs of Waters. That is, the most barren heart shall abound with Grace, according to that promise, Joh. vij. 38. Out of their bellies shall flow rivers of the water of life.

Isa. xli. 17, 18. When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongues fail for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them : I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys : I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the Cedar, the Shittah tree, and the Myrtle, and the Olive-tree : I will set in the desert the Firr-tree, and the Pine, and the Box tree together.

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now, tho' thou feelest thy heart barren, know that God will be a Gardener to thy barren heart, to make pools, and plant pleasant grapes of Gaces ; therefore seeing he taketh upon himself the work, fear not the badness of the ground, for he will make it good as a fruitful Garden.

The XXIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest the Spirit.

IF thou feelest thou wantest the Spirit of God, apply, Ezek. xxxvi. 27. *I will put my spirit within you.*

Luk. xi. 13. *If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your Children : how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy Spirit to them that ask him.*

Joel ij. 28, 29. *I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your Sons, and your Daughters shall prophesie : your old men shall dream Dreams, and your young men shall see Visions. And also upon the Servants, and upon the Handmaids, in those days will I pour out my Spirit.*

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Joh. xiv. 16, 17, 18. *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: even the Spirit of truth, he dwelleth in you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.*

When thou canst not pray thy self, stay thy self on these prayers, that Christ hath prayed to the Father to give the Spirit, and he was heard in all he prayed for, therefore thou maist claim it, though thy prayers be but weak.

The XXIV. LEGACY.

*If looking on God's Love, thou
canst not love God again.*

WHEN thou lookest upon the great love of God unto thee, and canst not find thine heart enlarged in loving God again, apply this promise, *Dent. xxx. 9. I will circumcise thine heart, that thou mayst love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.*

The XXV. LEGACY.

*If thou canst not bring thine heart
to delight in the Lord.*

When thou canst not bring thine heart to delight in the Lord, apply, *Isa. 41. 16. Thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and glory in the holy One of Israel.*

Psal. lxxxix. 19. In thy Name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Job xxij. 26. For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty.

Psal. xxxiiij. 21. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy Name.

When thou seeest cause of rejoicing in the Lord, and yet canst not move thine affections, apply, *They shall rejoice in him.*

If through many troubles, and temptations, thou findest thy joys often interrupted, apply, *They shall rejoice continually in thy Name.*

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The XXVI. LEGACY.

*If thou feelest not God's Fear in
thine heart.*

WHen we feel not the Fear of God
in our hearts, apply, *Jer. xxxiiij.*
40. I will put my Fear in their hearts.

If we would have a reverent fear of
God, when we perform any holy duty,
or at other times, as thou feelest thy
need, so urge the Lord with this his
Promise: for he delights to be sued to,
upon his promise, by his Servants, *Ezek.*
xxxvi. 37. I will yet for this be inquired
of by the house of Israel to do it for them.

The XXVII. LEGACY.

*If thine heart will not praise the
Lord.*

WHen thou canst not bring thine
heart to praise the Lord, apply,

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Isa. xliij. 21. This People have I formed for my self, they shall shew forth my praise.

Joel. ij. 26. Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied; and praise the name of the Lord your God.

Psal. xxij. 26. They shall praise the Lord that seek him.

When thou seest what great things God hath done for thee, and findest not thy self able to set forth his praise, apply, *They shall set forth my Praise.*

When thou findest thy ingrateful heart not affected with the mercies thou enjoyest, so as they stir thee not up to praise the Lord, apply, *He shall eat and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord.*

The XXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest Wisdom.

WHen thou seest the want of Wisdom makes thee not walk like a
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Christian, so unblameably as thou ought'st; apply, *Jam. i. 5. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.*

When thou findest thou wantest wisdom to improve thine afflictions to the best advantage, or for the ordering of thy actions, occasions, and course of life, to God's glory and the good of others and thy self, then fail not to ask Wisdom, and doubt not of the obtaining of it.

The XXIX. LEGACY.

If thou canst not understand God's voice.

When thou canst not understand the voice of God in his word, or works, not knowing what to learn by them, apply, *Isa. xxxv. 5. The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped: That is, those that were deaf, not understanding any thing,*

thing, shall be made to hear, that is, to understand.

Joh. x. 16. *Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice.* Which is a promise to the Gentiles, that they shall understand the voice of God.

THE XXX. LEGACY.

If thou canst not see into Mysteries of the Gospel.

IF thou canst not see into the Divine Mysteries of the Gospel, apply, *Isa. xxxv. 5. The eyes of the blind shall be opened.* *Isa. xli. 7. He shall open the Eyes of the blind.* *Luk. iv. 18. He hath sent me to recover sight to the blind.*

These places are what Christ will do to his people, therefore we need not fear our disease, seeing Christ is our Physician. If every creature do that for which it was ordained, then he will surely do that which he was sent to do of the Father, to give sight to the blind.

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The XXXI. LEGACY.

*If thou seest a good way, and hast
no power to walk in it.*

WHen thou seest a good way, and
hast no power to walk in it, or
heart to perform any duty ordinary or
extraordinary, and feelest no strength
to walk in that way, apply, *Ezek. xxxvi.*
72. And I will put my spirit within you,
and cause you to walk in my statutes, and
ye shall keep my judgments and do them.

When thou lookest at the greatness
of the duty which God commands,
look also at the largeness of his Pro-
mises for the keeping of them, and then
thou wilt be discourag'd at it. What
matters it what he commands, seeing
we have his promise?

If thou fearest the strictness of his
ways, that thou shalt not be able to
walk in them, though thou step into
them sometimes, strengthen thy Faith
in this Promise; *I will give thee my spirit*
to cause thee to walk in my ways.

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Can Sin or Satan then resist? Nay, surely the Spirit is stronger, and greater is he that is in us, than those that are against us. And when we see great duties which God commands, and fear we shall want strength to do them; apply, he hath said, *You shall keep my judgments and do them.*

Isa. xl. 31. *They shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not be faint.* That is, those which of themselves could not step one step, shall be able to run swiftly in the ways of God.

The XXXII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest Memory.

WHen thou wantest Memory to remember the Word of God, apply, *Joh. xiv. 26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my Name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

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The XXXIII. LEGACY.

When thou seest thine Ignorance.

WHen thou seest thine ignorance, and fearest thou shalt not be able to glorifie God as thou mightest, if thou hadst more knowledge; stir up thy self to desire; and apply, Jer. xxxi. 33, 34. Thus saith the Lord, I will put my Law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and they shall all know me, saith the Lord, from the greatest to the least. Hos. ij. 20. Thou shalt know the Lord. Prov. i. 23. I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Psal. xxv. 9, 12, 14. The meek will he guide in judgment: And the meek will he teach his way. What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall chuse: the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: and he will shew them his Covenant.

Prov. ij. 4, 9, 11, 12, 13. If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for treasure

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treasures : then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity, yea every good path. Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee, to deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things : who leave the paths of righteousness, to walk in the ways of darkness. Isa. xi. 9. The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord. Prov. viij. 17. Those that seek me early, shall find me. Isa. xxxix. 8. If any will do his will.

Joh. vij. 17. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of my self. Isa. xxxij. 3, 4. The eyes of them that see, shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge.

When thou thinkest of the great mystery of God manifest in the flesh, and of one divine essence, and three persons, and seest thy own inability to conceive of this great God ; apply, They shall all know the Lord. The heart of the Fool shall understand.

*When we fear God will not reveal his Will to us ; apply, I will pour out my
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mind to you. He will teach the humble his ways. He will teach him the way he shall chuse.

If thou fearest that though God reveal his will, yet thy ignorance is such as thou shalt not be able to understand it; apply, *I will cause thee to understand; thou shalt understand judgment, righteousness, equity, and every good path.*

If thou fearest men will draw thee away to error; apply, *Counsel shall preserve thee, and understanding shall keep thee, and deliver thee from the evil way, and from the man that speaketh froward things, and from them that leave the ways of righteousness, to walk in the ways of darkness. The Fool shall not err. He shall know the Doctrine whether it be of God.*

The XXXIV. LEGACY.

If thou desirest Grace, and art not satisfied.

IF thou desirest Grace, and thy desires are not satisfied; apply,

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Pfal. xxxv. 7. Delight thy self also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

Pfal. cxlv. 19. He will fulfil the desires of them that fear him.

Pfal. lxxxi. 10. Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Matth. v. 6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Prov. x. 24. The desire of the righteous shall be granted.

Dost thou desire Grace? fearest thou God will not grant thy desires? apply, He shall give thee thy hearts desire, he will fulfil thy desire.

Fearest thou, that if he give grace, it will be but a little? apply, Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. Thou shalt be filled.

Isa. xxx. 18. Blessed are all they which wait for him. He will certainly have mercy upon thee, at the voice of thy cry, when he hears he will answer.

When thou beginnest to faint with waiting, apply, He will certainly have mercy on thee.

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The XXXV. LEGACY.

If thine heart be dead.

When thou feelest thy heart dead, that it will not stir up God or Goodness; apply, *Psal. xxij. 26. Your heart shall live for ever.*

Prov. iij. 21, 22. Keep sound wisdom and discretion, so shall they be life unto thy soul. Isa. lvij. 15. I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Amos v. 4. Seek the Lord, and ye shall live.

When thou fearest thou shalt never overcome the deadness of thy heart; apply, *Your hearts shall live. Seek the Lord, and ye shall live.*

When thou hast got some life, and fearest the losing of it; apply, *Your hearts shall live for ever.*

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The XXXVI. LEGACY.

If thou fearest falling away.

WHen thou fearest thou shalt fall away, and beginnest to decline; apply, 1 Cor. i. 8. *Christ shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Psal. xvi. 8. *I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

Psal. cxlv. 14. *The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.* Psal. xci. 2, 14. *The righteous shall flourish like the Palm-tree. He shall grow like a Cedar in Lebanon. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing.* Psal. i. 13. *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither.* Psal. xxxi. 24. *He shall stablish thine heart.* Job xi. 15, 17. *Thou shalt be steadfast, thine age shall be clearer than the noon-day, thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the*

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morning. Judg. v. 31. *They that love the Lord shall be as the Sun, when it goeth forth in his might.* Now we see that nothing can hinder the Sun in its might, but it chaseth away the darkness & clouds before it, and ceaseth not till it hath run his race: so shall the Child of God, for the Lord hath said it, we need not doubt of it. If thou fearest thine own weakness, and the power of temptation, with the subtilty of Satan, apply, That God whose power and wisdom over-reacheth all other, hath said, *He will confirm you to the end. He shall stablish thine heart: thy leaf shall not fade.* Art thou hard pursued by Sin and Satan? apply, That God whose power and wisdom over-reacheth all, he hath said, *He will establish thee.* If thou be ready to fall and faint; apply, *The Lord upholdeth all them that are ready to fall, and lifteth all them up that are ready to fall: thou shalt not slide.* If thou fearest though thou be kept from sin yet thy Graces shall decay; apply, *The righteous shall flourish as a Palm-tree, and shall grow as a Cedar in Lebanon. They shall bring forth fruit in their age; they shall*

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shall be fat and flourishing; thou shalt bring forth fruit in season: thou shalt be stable, thine age shall appear more clear than noon day. Thou shalt shine as the morning.

The XXXVII. LEGACY.

If thou art fallen.

WHen we are fallen, and fear the Lord will leave us so; then apply, *Psal. lv. 22.* Cast thy burthen upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. *Psal. xxxvij. 24, 28.* Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his Saints; they are preserved for ever.

Jer. xxxij. 40. I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

When thou art fallen, and feelest a great load of sin or misery upon thee, and no power to unload thy self, thy

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Graces so weak that they will not help thee, and therefore thou thinkest thy state desperate; apply, *Though he fall, he shall not be cast off, for the Lord putteth under his hand.* Therefore though sin and misery be never so heavy to press thee down, yet that powerful hand of God, when thou art at the lowest, being under thee, shall easily lift thee up: thou hast his promise, *He will not suffer thee to fall for ever.*

The XXXVIII. LEGACY.

When the Lord hath forsaken thee.

WHEN the Lord hath forsaken thee in thine own feeling, and thou fearest he will not return again; apply, Isa. liv. 7, 8, 9, 10. *For a small moment have I forsaken thee: but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. For this*

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this is as the waters of Noah unto me ; for
as I have sworn that the waters of Noah
shall no more go over the Earth : so have I
sworn, that I would not be wrath with thee,
nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall
depart, and the hills shall be removed ; but
my kindness shall not depart from thee ;
neither shall the Covenant of my Peace be
removed, saith the Lord, that hath mercy
on thee.

Gen. xvij. 7. I will establish my Cove-
nant betwixt thee and me, an everlasting
Covenant to be a God unto thee.

Deut. xxxi. 8. I will be with thee, I
will not fail thee, neither forsake thee ;
fear not, neither be dismayed.

1 King. vi. 13. I will not forsake my
People.

2 Chron. xv. 2. The Lord is with you,
while you be with him.

Job viij. 20. Behold, God will not cast
away a perfect man.

Job xxxvi. 5. Behold, God is mighty,
and despiseth not any.

Hos. ij. 19, 20. I will betroth thee unto
me for ever ; yea, I will betroth thee unto
me in righteousness, and in judgment,
and

and in loving-kindness, and in mercy,
I will even betroth thee unto me in faith-
fulness.

The XXXIX. LEGACY.

When thou feelest thy Vileness.

WHen thou feelest thy Vileness,
and fearest the Lord will
loath thee for it, apply, *Lev. xxvi. 11.*
My soul shall not abhor you.

*Hos. xiv. 4. I will love them freely, for
mine anger is turned away from them.*

Dent. vij. 13. I will love thee.

*Joh. xiv. 21, 23. He that loveth me,
shall be loved of my Father, and I will love
him, and will manifest my self to him; my
Father will love him, and we will come
unto him, and make our abode with him.*

*Jer. xxxij. 41. I will rejoice over them
to do them good.*

When thou seeest a multitude of sins,
so that thou seemest most loathsome;
apply, *My soul shall not loath you.*

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When thou see'st nothing in thy self, that should move Him to love thee, but all to the contrary ; apply, *I will love them freely.*

If thou fearest thy many sins will cause the Lord not to delight in thee ; apply, *I will delight in thee.*

If thou fearest thy sin will cause the Lord to hide himself from thee ; apply, *I will show my own self unto him.*

The XL. LEGACY.

When thou feelest thy spiritual Poverty.

When thou feelest thy spiritual poverty ; apply, *Matth. v. 3. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Isa. lxvi. 2. To him will I look, saith the Lord, that is poor and of a contrite Spirit, and trembleth at my words.

When thou feelest thy sins many, and thy graces very little, and therefore fearest

fearest that such a miserable creature as thou art, shalt not inherit Heaven; apply, *Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

If thou fearest the Lord will not look upon thee; apply, *To him will I look, saith the Lord, that is of a contrite Spirit.*

The XLI. LEGACY.

When thou art in a Strait.

WHen thou art in a strait, and knowest not what to chuse, either in some truth, or in something that is to be done, that thou knowest not what to chuse; apply, *Pf. xxv. 22. Him shall he teach in the way that he shall chuse. vers. 23. His soul shall dwell at ease.*

Prov. iij. 6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Prov. xvi. 3. Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Isa. xxx. 31. And thine ear shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way,

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walk in it, when ye turn to the right hand,
and when ye turn to the left.

Isa. lviii. 11. *The Lord shall guide thee continually.*

Isa. lxi. 8. *I will direct their work in truth.*

Jer. xxxi. 9. *I will cause them to walk by the Rivers of waters, in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble.*

When thou doubtest of some truth; apply, *He shall teach him the way that he shall chuse, his soul shall dwell at ease. Thine Ears shall hear a voice behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk in it. I will direct thy way in truth.*

When thou art thinking what course to take, and fearest thou shalt not know what the Lord would have thee to do; apply, *Thy thoughts shall be directed; he shall direct thy ways.*

When thou fearest thy weakness will at some times carry thee astray; apply, *The Lord will guide thee continually, the Lord will lead thee in a straight way, that thou shalt not stumble.*

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The XLII. LEGACY.

If thou fearest Satan will cause thee to fall.

WHen thou fearest that Satan by his power and subtilty will cause thee to fall, and art troubled with his temptations; apply, *Gen. iij. 15. He shall bruiſe his head*: Therefore fear not; for Christ hath overthrown all his power and subtilty, that he cannot do us any harm, *Pſal. xci. 3, 4. Surely he shall deliver thee from the ſnare of the Fowler. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings ſhalt thou truſt: his Truth ſhall be thy Shield and Buckler.*

Rom. xvi. 20. The God of peace ſhall bruiſe Satan under your feet ſhortly.

Doth Satan preſs thee with ſtrong temptations, and fearest thou his power; apply, *He ſhall bruiſe his head. He will cover thee under his wings, and thou ſhalt be ſafe under his Feathers; his ſtrength ſhall be thy Buckler.*

Fearest thou his subtilty? apply, *He*

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shall deliver thee from the snare of the Fowler: and bruise his head, wherein lies all power and plots.

The XLIII. LEGACY.

If thou canst not profit well by the Word of God.

WHen thou canst not profit by the Word of God, or his works of Mercy or Afflictions, apply, *Isa. xlviii. 17. I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go.*

Matth. xxi. 41. The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a Nation bringing forth fruits thereof.

This is a Promise, that the Gentiles shall bring forth the fruits of the Gospel; therefore every believing Gentile may apply it.

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The XLIV. LEGACY.

*If thou findest thy self unlike to
God's People.*

When thou findest thy self not
like the People of God, either
in heart and life; apply, *Jer. xxxij. 39.*
I will give them one heart, and one way.

When thou seest thine heart not like
the People of God, either in their af-
fection to God, or his People, or Ordina-
nce, or in their sorrowing for sin,
apply, *I will give them one heart.*

When thou seest thy Life and Con-
versation not so holy as the People of
God; apply, *I will give them one way.*

The XLV. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have God's blessing
rest upon thee.*

IF thou wouldst have the blessing of
the Lord to rest upon thee; apply,
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Pfal. v. 12. The Lord will bless the Righteous.

Deut. vij. 13. I will bless thee.

Pfal. iij. 8. Thy blessing is upon thy people.

Pfal. xxiv. 5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord; and righteousness from the God of his Salvation.

Pfal. cxv. 12, 13. The Lord will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

The XLVI. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst be a blessing in thy place.

I*F thou wouldst be a blessing in thy place; apply, Gen. xij. 2. I will bless thee, and thou shalt be a blessing.*

Ezek. xxiv. 26. I will make them about my hill a blessing.

The XLVII. LEGACY.

*If thou separatest from the wicked
in their corrupt Worship.*

WHen thou separatest thy self from the wicked in their corrupt worship and manners; apply, 2 Cor. vi. 16, 17, 18. *I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my People: Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separated, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you; and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my Sons and Daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

Thus far of *Grace*; the next Promises are about the means of *Grace*, either ordinary or extraordinary.

The XLVIII. LEGACY.

A Promise to be applied in every Ordinance.

IN every Ordinance thou mayst apply this Promise, *Isa. xij. 3. With joy shall you draw water out of the wells of Salvation.* Now in that it is said, out of the Wells of Salvation, and not Well, I think we ought to apply it to every Ordinance of God, so as we are to use them with a comfortable perswasion, that we shall receive abundance of Grace from them. As the Lord promiseth, we shall draw waters from out of them; we shall not only use them, but draw from them with joy. Therefore when we Pray, Meditate, Hear, Conferr, Fast; in every Duty, apply this Promise, and you shall find him faithful which promiseth.

The XLIX. LEGACY.

When thou prayest.

WHen thou prayest, apply these Promises for the strengthening of thy Faith, and for thy hearing, *Matth. vii. 7. Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.*

Matth. vi. 6. Pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matth. xxi. 22. And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in Prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Joh. xiv. 13, 14. Whatsoever ye shall ask in my Name, I will do it.

Joh. xvi. 24. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Joh. xv. 7. Ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Isa. lxi. 24. Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Joh. xxi. 7. Thou shalt make thy prayers unto

unto him, and he shall hear thee; and if thou seek him, he will be found.

The L. LEGACY.

When thou meditateſt.

WHen thou meditateſt, apply theſe Promiſes, *Prov. xiv. 22.* Mercy and truth ſhall be to them that de- viſe good.

Pſal. ciiij. 17, 18. The loving kindneſſ of the Lord endureth for ever, to them which think upon his Commandments to do them.

Phil. iv. 8, 9. Think on theſe things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and ſeen in me; and the God of peace ſhall be with you.

If thou deſireſt mercy, or the truth of God to be for thy good, or the lov- ing-kindneſſ of the Lord to be for ever towards thee, and God which brings Peace with him, to be with thee; then meditate on good things, and with ſuch a meditation as may ſtir thee up to praſtiſe;

practise; and then all these Promises shall surely be performed to thee. And because Meditation is an hard duty; therefore encourage thy self to it by the benefit it brings; and it being a way of God, he will give thee his Spirit to cause thee to walk in it.

THE LI. LEGACY.

*In Meditating, Conferring, and
Reading God's Word.*

IN Meditating, Conferring, and Reading of the Word of God; apply, *Josh. i. 8. Let not this Book of the Law depart out of thy mouth; but meditate therein Day and Night, that thou mayst observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

The LII. LEGACY.

In reading of the Word, if thou understandest not.

IN reading of the Word, if we understand not, apply these promises; Prov. i. 23. *I will pour out my Spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.*

Prov. i. 4. *It gives subtilty to the simple: to the young man knowledge and discretion.*

Psal. xix. 8. *The Commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightning the eyes.*

The LIII. LEGACY.

If thou canst not conferr.

WHen thou canst not speak in conference to Edification, but feelest thy heart shut up; then apply, Joh. vii. 38.

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vij. 38. *He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

Prov. x. 31. *The mouth of the just brings forth wisdom.*

Prov. xii. 14. *A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth.*

Isa. xxxij. 14. *The tongue of the Stammerer, shall be ready to speak plainly.*

Isa. xxxv. 6. *The dumb Man's Tongue shall sing.*

When thou art with the People of God, that thou maist receive good from them, and do them good; apply, Prov. xiiij. 20. *He that walketh with wise men, shall be wise.* So apply, Prov. xij. 14. *Joh. vii. 38. Ezek. xlvij. 12. His fruit shall be meat, and his leaves medicine.*

If thou findest thy soul stand in need of wisdom, keep company with the people of God, which are the only wise people, and then thou hast the only sure promises of the Lord, thou shalt be wise. If thou hungrést after good, resort to the righteous, & thou shalt be satisfied with good things. If thou feel thy self dead; apply, *Out of him shall flow rivers of water of Life, for thy quickning.* If thy

thy soul be faint or sick, apply, *His fruit shall be meat, and his leaves medicine.* Let all this good which is gotten by their fellowship, cause thee to delight in them, and take heed of forsaking the fellowship of the Saints.

When thou goest into Company, apply these promises to thy self, that thou maist be so to others, and hinder not thy self by unbelief.

The LIV. LEGACY.

When thou art to go to the Assemblies.

When thou art to go to the Assemblies, to participate in the Ordinances; apply, *In places where I record my name, I will come to thee and bless thee.* If thou wantest the Lord, or his Blessing, go to his house, and thou shalt find him, *Psal. xxxvi. 8, 9, They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thine house, and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy Pleasures.*

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For with thee is the fountain of Life, and in thy light shall we see light. Psal. lxxv. 4. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thine holy Temple. Psal. lxxxiv. 11. The Lord God is a Sun and Shield: the Lord will give Grace and Glory, and no good thing will he withhold. Psal. xcij. 13, 14. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the Courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in their old age: they shall be fat and flourishing. Psal. cxxviii. 5. The Lord shall bless thee out of Sion. Isa. xxv. 6, 7, 8. In this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of Wines on the Lees, of fat things full of marrow, of Wines on the Lees, well refined. Therefore when his Ordinances are corrupted with mens Inventions, then thou maist press him with this promise, That he will give us wine, fined and purified, even his purest Ordinances, and most comfortable to our hearts, as Wine is. And when there is little nourishment, because their gifts are weak, urge him with this, That he hath promised to make us a feast of fat things

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things full of marrow ; for I take this promise to be meant of the Churches after Christ, *vers. 7.* *And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all People, and the veil that is spread over all Nations.* Thy sins that are too strong for thee, bring them to the Lord in his Ordinances, and he will destroy them, though thou seem to be covered with them, and they spread as a veil upon thee, yet believe his promises, and all things shall be possible unto thee. *Isa. lvij. 7.* *I will make them joyful in mine house of Prayer, their sacrifices shall be accepted at mine Altar.* God will both give to them, and accept from them their sacrifices, as pleasing to him, *2 Chron. xx. 20.* *Believe his Prophets, so shall ye prosper.*

Prov. i. 5. *A wise man will hear and will increase learning, and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise Counsels.* *Prov. iv. 10, 12.* *Hear and receive my sayings, and the years of thy life shall be many; when thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitned; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.* *Mark iv. 24.* *Unto you that have, shall more be given.* *Isa. lv. 3,*

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11, 12. *Incline your ears and come unto me, hear and your souls shall live, and I will make an everlasting Covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. My words shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it. Therefore ye shall go forth with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Ver. 3. Instead of the thorn shall come up the Fir-tree, and instead of the bryar shall come up the Myrtle-tree: This force shall the Word have in thine heart, for planting of Grace, and destroying of Sin.*

Hos. xiv. 7. *They that dwell under his shadow shall return, they shall revive as the Corn, and grow as the Vine, the scent thereof shall be as the Vine in Lebanon. If thou wouldst return, apply this, He shall return. If thou beest decay'd, apply this, They shall revive as the Corn. If thou wouldst flourish in Grace, apply, They shall flourish as the Vine. If thou wouldst be a sweet smelling savour in all places, apply, The scent thereof shall be as the Vine*

Vine of Lebanon. Seeing all these good things come from the powerful Ordinances of the Lord, let us give him no rest, till he bestow these blessings upon us; when the pastor of the people pronounceth the blessings, apply this promise, *Numb. vi. 27. I will bless thee.*

The LV. LEGACY.

Wouldst thou enjoy the Ordinances of God, and a blessing upon them?

Wouldst thou enjoy the Ordinances of God, and a blessing upon them? apply, *Jer. xxxi. 14. I will satiate the souls of the Priests with fatness, and my People shall be satisfied with goodness.*

Jer. iij. 15. I will give you Pastors according to my Heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Ezek. xxxiv. 26, 27. And I will make them, and the places round about my Hill, a blessing, and I will cause the shower to come down in his Season: there shall be showers

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showers of blessing. And the Tree of the Field shall yield her increase, and the Earth shall yield her fruit.

The promises are both for Pastor and People; the Pastor shall be able to teach with knowledge and understanding; his soul shall be replenished with fatness, his teaching shall be as seasonable showers of Blessing, that shall make the People fruitful. The People must apply these promises; first, That God would give them able Teachers, and that they may find their Ministry blessed unto them according to these promises: That they may be fed with knowledge and understanding; that they may be satisfied with goodness, and that their teaching may be seasonable showers of Blessing to make them fruitful, as it is promised, that the Trees shall yield their Fruit. How much are God's Ordinances to be desired, by which he doth convey so many Blessings unto his people? Let us give him no rest, till he furnish *Jerusalem* with all her Ordinances and Officers.

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The LVI. LEGACY.

*If thou enjoyst Grace, or means
of Grace.*

IF thou enjoyest glorious Graces, or means of Grace, and fearest the losing of them; apply, *Isa. iv. 5, 6.* Upon all the glory shall be a defence. And there shall be a Tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

Isa. xxvij. 3. I the Lord do keep it, will water it every moment, lest any hurt it: I will keep it night and day.

Isa. xxxiiij. 16. His place of defence shall be the munition of Rocks; Bread shall be given him, his Waters shall be sure.

Hast thou any glorious Grace, or means of Grace? arm thy self with the power of God in his promises, for the Devil will use all his forces and subtilty to deprive thee of them. Hast thou glorious Minister and pure Ordinance

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or glorious Graces begin to spring in thine heart, and seeſt no means to defend them? apply, *Upon all thy glory he ſhall be a defence. His defence ſhall be a munition of Rocks.* Seeſt thou an heart of ſin in thy ſelf, or the rage of the wicked, that cauſeth thee to fear the loſs of them? apply, *There ſhall be a covering for a ſhadow in the day for the heat.* Doth the Devil raiſe up ſtorms outwardly, inwardly Perſecutions? apply, *The defence and covering ſhall be a place of refuge, and covert for the Storm and for the Rain.* Feareſt thou the ſubtilty of thine Enemies, that unawares when thou thinkeſt not on them, they will ſurprize thee, and ſteal thy bleſſing from thee? apply, *I the Lord will keep it night and day.* If thou feareſt God will not continue thus to thee, apply, *I will water it every moment; not one moment, but he will be adding and nourishing: Bread ſhall be given him, and his meat ſhall be ſure.*

The LVII. LEGACY.

When thou art banished from God's Ordinances.

WHen thou art banished from God's Ordinances, apply these promises for thy return, *Isa. xxxv. 10. The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Sion with Songs, and everlasting joy upon their Heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Jer. iij. 14. And I will bring you to Sion. Deut. xxx. 4. If any of thine be driven out to the utmost parts of Heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee. Ezek. xxxiv. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. Behold I, even I, will both search my Sheep and find them out. As a Shepherd seeketh out his Flock in the day that he is among his Sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my Sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the People, and gather them*

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them from the Countries, and will bring them to their own Land, and feed them upon the Mountains of Israel, by the Rivers, and in all the inhabited places in the Country: I will feed them in a good Pasture, and upon the high Mountains of Israel shall their Fold be: there shall they lie in a good Fold, and in a fat Pasture shall they feed; upon the Mountains of Israel I will feed my Flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God: I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.

If thou mournest for God's Ordinances; apply, *Thou shalt not only return to Sion, but return with joy, and sorrows shall flee away.* If thou beest but one amongst many which desirest it, and fearest thou shalt be left among them; apply, *I will take you, one of a City, and two of a tribe: though thou beest but one of a City that returneth to the Lord, he will bring thee to Sion from all the rest.* If thou art far removed from all means, and that the Lord hath done

it for thy sin; apply, Though thou wert cast into the utmost part of Heaven, thence will the Lord gather thee, and from thence will he take thee, and will deliver thee from all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day, and will feed them in good Pastures, and will bring them to rest.

THE LVIII. LEGACY.

*Whilst thou art banished from
God's House.*

WHilst thou art banished from God's House; apply, Ezek. xi. 16, *I will be unto them as a little Sanctuary in the Countries where they shall come.* Isa. xl. 11. *He shall feed his Flock like a Shepherd: he shall gather the Lambs with his Arm, and carry them in his Bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.*

In thy banishment, at those hours when thy soul was wont to be refreshed in the Sanctuary of God on the Sabbath, and at other times, when thou findest
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thy self to stand in need either of defence or nourishment; apply, *I will be a Sanctuary unto you. He shall feed his Flock as a Shepherd.* If in this time thou feelest thy self very weak; apply, *He shall gather his Lambs in his arms, and carry them in his Bosom, and guide them with young:* they cannot miscarry that are shut up in the bosom of God; nor fear, who are guided by him. Therefore though we be never so weak in our selves, yet here is our comfort, we are safe in our God: O happy people, saved by the Lord!

The LIX. LEGACY.

*When wicked Shepherds are
over us.*

When wicked Shepherds are over us; then apply, *Ezek. xxxiv. 10.* Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am against the Shepherds, and I will require my Flock at their hands, and cause them to cease from feeding the Flock: neither shall

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the Shepherds feed themselves any more;
 for I will deliver my flock from their
 mouth, that they may not be meat for them.
 Ver. 21, 22. Because ye have thrust with
 side and with shoulder, and pusht all the
 diseased with your horns, till ye have scat-
 tered them abroad: Therefore will I save
 my Flock, and they shall no more be a prey,
 and I will cause the wild Beasts to cease out
 of the Land. When the Shepherds feed
 themselves, and are ready to devour us;
 apply, The Shepherds shall not feed them-
 selves any more. I will deliver my Sheep
 from their mouths, they shall no more de-
 vour them. When through their great-
 ness and our weakness they push us so
 with their Horns, that we are scat-
 tered, both Shepherd from People,
 and one from another; apply, I will
 help my Sheep, and they shall no more be
 spoiled, I will cause the wild Beasts to cease
 out of the Land.

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The LX. LEGACY.

*When through wicked Shepherds
thou art come to great misery.*

WHEN through evil Shepherds we are
come to great misery; apply,
Ezek. xxxiv. 16. *I will seek that which
was lost, and bring again that which was
driven away, and will bind up that which
was broken, and will strengthen that which
was sick* Isa. xxx. 20. *Though the Lord
give you the Bread of Adversity, and the
Water of Affliction; yet shall not thy Tea-
chers be removed into a Corner any more,
but thine eyes shall see thy Teachers.* When
through evil Shepherds thou art come
to such an estate, as thou feel'st thy self
to have lost God and Goodness, and art
driven away from all things that might
help thee; apply, *I will seek that which
was lost, I will bring again that which was
driven away.* When thou art even broken
with misery, and grown very weak;
apply, *I will bind up that which was bro-
ken, and strengthen that which was weak,*

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When thy Teachers which should help thee in this estate, are forced to fly and hide themselves for fear of wicked Shepherds; apply, *Thy teachers shall not be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy Teachers.*

Thus far of the Ordinances of God which are ordinary: Now for the duty of Fasting, which is extraordinary.

The LXI. LEGACY.

When thou settest thy self to Fast.

WHen thou settest thy self to Fast; apply, *Matth. vi. 18. If thou Fast in secret, thy Father which seeth in secret will reward thee openly.*

Jam. iv. 8, 10. Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you. Humble your selves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Thus far of the Means of Grace.

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The next Promises are when we suffer Persecution for well-doing: for, all that will live godly must suffer Persecution; therefore strengthen thy self with these Promises.

The LXII. LEGACY.

If thou art railed upon for well-doing.

IF thou art railed upon for well-doing; apply, 1 Pet. iv. 14. *If ye be reproached for the Name of Christ, happy are ye, for the Spirit of God, and of Glory resteth upon you.*

Matth. v. 11, 12. *Blessed are ye when men revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoyce and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in Heaven: for so persecuted they the Prophets which were before you.*

The LXIII. LEGACY.

If thou art Persecuted.

WHen they persecute thee any other ways, even unto death; apply, *Matth. x. 39. He that looseth his life for my sake, shall find it. Mat. v. 10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.* When ye lose any earthly blessing for Gods cause; apply, *Mat. xix. 24. Every one that hath forsaken Houses, or Brethren, or Sisters, or Father, or Mother, or Wife, or Children, or Lands for my Names sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting Life.*

This is the greatest (and yet lawful) Usury of all others, to part with one outward blessing, and to receive an hundred for it; to lose a miserable life, and to enjoy eternal life; to suffer a short time, and to have a great reward in Heaven; to be disgraced, and to have the spirit of glory rest upon us. Therefore

fore when thou art railed upon; apply, *Blessed am I, the spirit of Glory rests upon me, therefore they cannot make me vile.* Art thou any way persecuted? apply, *Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven; Great is your reward in Heaven.* Take they thy Life away? apply, *He that loseth his Life for my sake shall find it.* Take they away any earthly blessing? Thou shalt receive an hundred fold at this present; therefore if Usurers gladly let out their money, that hope to receive but eight in the hundred, be ashamed of thy self, that thou shouldst not give one for an hundred, when thou hast the promise of him that never faileth to perform.

The LXIV. LEGACY.

In partaking with God's People in suffering.

IN partaking with God's people in suffering, that thou mayst be partaker of their comforts; apply, *1 Cor. i. 6.*

you are partakers of the sufferings; so shall ye be also of the consolation.

The LXV. LEGACY.

When thou art called to defend the Truth.

WHen thou art called forth to defend the Truth; apply, *Mat. x. 19. When they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak,*

Luk. xxi. 15. I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your Adversaries shall not be able to gain-say or resist. Mat. x. 32. Whosoever confesseth me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in Heaven. When thou fearest thou shalt not be able to speak in the defence of the Truth, apply, It shall be given thee, though thou hast it not before, in that hour what thou shalt say. If thou fearest the learning of thine adversaries
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so and thine own simpleness ; apply, *I will give thee not only a mouth, but also wisdom, where-against they shall not be able to speak.* If thou wantest courage, embolden thy self with this ; Christ will confess thee before his Father.

The LXVI. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst bring forth seasonable fruit for every estate.

IF thou wouldst bring forth seasonable fruit for every estate, and for every duty ; apply, *Psal. i. 3. Thou shalt be as a tree which bringeth forth his fruit in season. Ezek. xlvij. 12. He shall bring forth fruit according to his months.* If thou art to speak or pray, or do any duty, that thou maist do it seasonably, and have fitting words and thoughts ; apply, *Thou shalt bring forth fruit in season.* So in every estate, prosperity or adversity, that thou maist bring forth the fruits of it ; apply, *They shall bring forth fruit in season according to their months.*

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Thus far about Spiritual things. The next Promises are about Earthly things; and because Children are the most excellent, therefore I will begin with them.

The LXVII. LEGACY.

If thou hast Children.

IF thou hast Children; apply, *Psal. xij. 2. His seed shall be mighty upon Earth: the generation of the just shall be blessed.*

Deut. vij. 31. He will bless the fruit of thy womb. Gen. vij. 7. I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. Isa. xlv. 3, 4. I will pour out my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine off-spring, and they shall spring up as among the Grass, as Willows by the water-courses. If thou desirest Grace and God's blessing for thy Children; apply, I will pour my spirit and blessing upon thy seed. If thou wouldst have

have them grow up in it; apply, *They shall grow as among the Grass, and as the Willows by the Water-courses.* If thou wouldst have them in covenant with thy self, thy God to be theirs; apply, *I will make an everlasting covenant with thee, to be a God to thee, and to thy seed after thee.* Desirest thou outward things for them? apply, *His seed shall be mighty upon Earth.*

The LXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou wantest Children.

IF thou wantest Children; apply, *Deut. vij. 14. Thou shalt be blessed above all people; there shall neither be Male or Female barren among you. Deut. xxviii. 11. The Lord shall make thee plentiful in the fruit of thy body. Psal. cxxviii. 3. Thy Wife shall be as a fruitful Vine by the side of thine house; thy Children like Olive plants round about thy Table. V. 4. 6. Lo, thus shall the Man be blessed that*
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feareth the Lord. Thou shalt see thy Childrens Children.

If thou hast conceived; apply this promise for keeping of it, *Exod. xxiii. 26. There shall none cast their young, nor be barren in all thy land.* This and all other Promises of earthly things, are to be applied so far as is good for us: we are not to doubt of them.

The LXIX. LEGACY.

If the Lord deny thee Children.

IF the Lord deny thee Children; apply, *Isa. lvi. 5. To them will I give in mine house, and within my walls a place, and a name, better than of Sons and Daughters, I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.*

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The LXX. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have a comfortable
and holy use of thy Habitation.*

IF thou wouldst have a comfortable
and holy use of thine Habitation;
apply, *Job v. 24. Thou shalt know that
thy Tabernacle shall be in peace, and thou
shalt visit thine Habitation, and not sin.*

*Psal. xci. 10. There shall no evil befall
thee, neither shall any plague come nigh
thy dwelling. Prov. xiv. 11. The Taber-
nacle of the upright shall flourish. Prov.
xij. 7. The House of the Righteous shall
stand.*

If thou wouldst prosper in thine
House; apply, *Peace shall be in it. No
plague shall come near it; it shall flourish.*
If thou wouldst have it continue so;
apply, *It shall stand.* That they may
not be a snare to thee, but that thou
maist use thy blessings, and not sin;
apply, *Thou shalt visit thy Habitation,
and not sin.*

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The LXXI. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have thy going out
and coming in blessed.*

IF thou wouldst have thy coming in
and going out blessed; apply, *Deut.*
xxviii. 6. Blessed shalt thou be when thou
comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when
thou goest out. Psal. cxxi. 8. The Lord
shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming
in, from this time forth, and even for
evermore.

When thou goest out, if thou wouldst
have Heaven and Earth, and all Crea-
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Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy
coming in. If thou wouldst have the
continuance of it; apply, From this
time forth and evermore.

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The LXXII. LEGACY.

When thou eatest, or enjoyest any blessing, that it may satisfie and be sanctified.

WHen thou eatest or enjoyest any blessing, that it may satisfie thee, and thou mayst have the sanctified use of it; apply, *Joel ij. 26. Ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord our God.*

That thy Meat and outward Blessings may give thee content and satisfie thee; apply, *Thou shalt eat and be satisfied.*

That thou mayst have the sanctified use of it; apply, *Thou shalt praise the Lord.*

The LXXIII. LEGACY.

*When thou takest thy rest at
night, &c.*

When thou takest thy rest at
night ; apply, *Prov. iij. 24.*
*When thou liest down thou shalt not be a-
fraid ; yea thou shalt lie down, and thy
sleep shall be sweet.*

*Job xi. 19. Also thou shalt lie down,
and none shall make thee afraid.*

*If thou be troubled with fears of the
night ; apply, Thou shalt not be afraid.*

*When thou takest thy rest ; apply,
None shall make thee afraid.*

*If thou art troubled with any thing
that breaks thy rest ; apply, Thy rest
shall be sweet.*

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The LXXIV. LEGACY.

*When thou puttest thy hand to
any Work.*

WHen thou puttest thy hand to any work, that it may be blessed ; apply, *Dent. xxviii. 12. The Lord shall bless all the works of thine hand. Deut. xxx. 9. The Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand.* The Lord will not only bless some of thy works, but every one, therefore in every work, send up short prayers for the claiming of them : and so, at thy going out, and coming in, or sleeping, renew these promises upon thy self, by Faith applying them, and by Prayer suing for them.

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The LXXV. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have thine outward
Blessings blessed.*

IF thou wouldst have thy outward Blessings blessed of God; apply, Deut. xxviii. 4, 5. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy Body, and the fruit of thy Ground, and the fruit of thy Cattel; the increase of thy Kine, and the flocks of thy Sheep. Blessed shall be thy Basket and thy Store. Deut. vii. 13, 14. The Lord will also bless the fruit of thy Womb, and the fruit of thy Land, thy Corn, and thy Wine, and thy Oil; the encrease of thy Kine, and the flocks of thy Sheep. There shall be neither Male nor Female barren among you, or among your Cattel. That thy Goods and thine House may be blessed; apply, Blessed shall be thy Basket and thy Store. If thou beest in debt; apply, Deut. xxviii. 12. Thou shalt lend unto many, and shalt not borrow.

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The LXXVI. LEGACY.

*If thou desirest to enjoy the Labours
of thine Hands.*

If thou desirest to enjoy the Labours
of thine Hands ; apply, *Isa. lxxv. 21,*
22, 23. They shall build Houses and in-
habit them: they shall plant Vineyards,
and eat the fruit of them. They shall not
build and another inhabit ; they shall not
plant and another eat : for as the days of a
Tree are the days of my People, and mine
Elect shall long enjoy the works of their
Hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor
bring forth for trouble. Psal. cxxviii. 2.
Thou shalt eat the labour of thine Hands.

The LXXVII. LEGACY.

If thou art diligent in thy Calling.

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ling ; apply, *Prov. xij. 14, 24.*
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The recompence of a mans hands shall be rendred unto him. The hand of the diligent shall bear rule. When thou enjoyest that thou hast laboured for; apply, *Psal. cxxviii. 2.* Thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

The LXXVIII. LEGACY.

When thou seest wicked men following unsatisfying things with restless desires, and thou desirest content.

WHen thou seest the wicked to be carried with restless desires, hungry and thirsting after those things which satisfy them not, and thou desirest content; apply, *Isa. lxxv. 13, 14.* Thus saith the Lord, behold, my Servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold my Servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my Servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: behold, my servants shall

shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

The LXXIX. LEGACY.

If thou fearest thou shalt lose by following the Lord.

IF thou fearest thou shalt lose by following the Lord ; apply, Psal. xxxvij. 6, 11, &c. clxxxij. 9. Those that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the Earth, their inheritance shall be for ever : they shall not be ashamed in the evil time ; they shall inherit the Earth, and delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Psal. cxij. 3. Wealth and riches shall be in his house, Job xxij. 23, 24. Thou shalt be built up, thou shalt lay up Gold as dust, and the Gold of Ophir as the Stones of the Brooks. Ver. 25. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

Gen. xv. 1. I am thy exceeding great reward. Fearest thou the loss of thy Land ?

Land? apply, *Thou shalt inherit the earth, their Inheritance shall be for ever. Thou shalt possess the Earth.* Do others trouble thee? apply, *They shall have their delight in the multitude of Peace.* Art thou poor, or fearest the loss of thy goods? apply, *Riches and Treasure shall be in his House.* Art thou oppressed by the wicked? apply, *The Almighty shall be thy defence.*

The LXXX. LEGACY.

When thou hast lost Blessings by Sin.

When thou hast lost Blessings by Sin; apply these Promises for their recovery, *Joel ij. 24, 25, 26. The floors shall be full of Wheat, and the fats shall overflow with Wine and Oil, and I will restore to you the years the Locust hath eaten, the Cankerworm, and the Caterpillar, and the Palmerworm: and ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise Lord. Deut. xxx. 5. I will multiply above your Fathers.*

The LXXXI. LEGACY.

If thou fearest the loss of thy good Name.

IF thou fearest the loss of thy good Name; apply, Job v. 21. *Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue.* Job xi. 15. *Thou shalt lift up thy face without spot.* Psal. xxxvii. 6. *He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day.* Prov. x. 7. *The memory of the just is blessed.*

Fearest thou the wicked will take away thy good Name? apply, *Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue.* Cast they blots upon thee? apply, *Thou shalt lift up thy face without spot.* Seek they to darken the light of thy holy life? apply, *He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day.*

The LXXXII. LEGACY.

If the World despise thee, &c.

IF the World despise thee, comfort thy self with these Promises, *Exod. xix. 5. Ye shall be God's peculiar treasure above all people. 1 Sam. ii. 30. Those that honour me, will I honour, saith the Lord. Psal. xci. 14. I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. Psal. cxij. 9. His Horns shall be exalted with honour. Joh. xij. 26. If any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Prov. iv. 7, 8, 9. Get wisdom, exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honour when thou dost embrace her; she shall give to thine head an ornament of grace, a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.*

When the World counts thee as the off-scouring of the world, vile, nought-worth; apply, *He shall be God's chief treasure above all People. Doth the world debaseth thee? apply, The Lord will exalt thee: the Father will honour thee.*

The LXXXIII. LEGACY.

*When thou art in want for Soul
or Body.*

WHen thou art in any want for
soul or body; apply, *Psal. xxxiv.*
9, 10. There is no want to them that fear
him. The young Lyons do lack and suffer
hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall
not want any good thing. *Psal. lvlij. 11.*
No good thing will he withhold from
them that walk uprightly. *Matth. vi. 33.*
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all things shall be added
unto you. Art thou troubled with distract-
ing cares for outward things? apply,
Seek the Kingdom of Heaven and his right-
eousness, and all other things shall be cast
upon you. Fearest thou that thou shalt be
over-pressed with want? apply, Those
that seek the Lord shall want no good
thing. No good thing will he withhold
from them that walk uprightly.

The LXXXIV. LEGACY.

In liberal giving.

IN liberal giving apply these Promises, Prov. 11. 25. *The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth, shall be watered also himself.*

Prov. xix. 17. *He that hath pity on the poor, lendeth to the Lord: and that which he hath given, will he pay him again.*

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The LXXXV. LEGACY.

If sickness be among us.

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Deut. vij. 15. *And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil Diseases of Egypt upon thee.*

If the Plague be among us; apply, Psal. xcix. 3, 6, 7. *Surely he shall deliver thee from the noisom Pestilence. Thou shalt not be afraid of the Pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.*

Art thou sick? apply, *The Lord will strengthen him upon the Bed of Sorrow: thou wilt make all his bed in sickness.*

Art thou there were the Sick are? apply, *I will take away all sickness from the midst of thee.*

Fearst thou the Pestilence? apply, *I will deliver thee from the noisome Pestilence.*

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The LXXXVI. LEGACY.

If thou fearest Death.

IF thou fearest death ; apply, *Isa. lvij.*
2. *He shall enter into peace, they shall rest in their Beds.* None fears to go to bed, when thy know they shall rest being weary ; this resting is more sure and lasting for ever. *Rom. 8. 11.* *He that raised up Christ from the dead shall quicken our mortal bodies.* Therefore we must think of it but as a better life given by the Spirit of God.

The LXXXVII. LEGACY.

If thou fearest untimely Death.

IF thou fearest untimely death ; apply,
Job v. 26. *Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in, in his season.* *Exod. xxxij. 26.* *The number of thy days will I fulfil.* *Psal. xix. 19.*

Wish long life will I satisfie him, and shew him my salvation. Psal. xli. 2. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the Earth.

Hast thou many Enemies, and fearest the loss of thy life by them? apply, *The number of thy days will I fulfil: The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, therefore man cannot shorten it one day.*

Fearest thou that thou shalt either live too long, or die too soon? apply, *Thou shalt go to thy Grave in a full age, as a rick of corn cometh in due season into the Barn.*

The LXXXVIII. LEGACY.

If thou fearest hurt by any of the Creatures.

IF thou fearest hurt by any of the Creatures, apply, *Gen. ix. 2. The fear of you, and the dread of you, shall be upon every Beast of the Earth, and upon every Fowl of the Air, upon all the Fishes*
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of the Sea, into your hand are they delivered. Job v. 23. Thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

The LXXXIX. LEGACY.

When thou hast a troubled heart.

When thine heart is troubled either for soul or body; apply, Phil. iv. 7. The God of peace which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds. Psal. xxix. 11. The Lord will bless his People with peace.

Is thine heart troubled with many Temptations of Satan, or with fears of sin and misery? apply, The Peace of God shall preserve your Hearts. Hast thou many troubles outwardly? apply, The Lord shall bless his People with Peace.

The XC. LEGACY.

If thou wouldst have thy purposes to prosper.

IF thou wouldst have thy purposes to prosper; apply, Job xxij. 28. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

Psal. i. 3. *Whatsoever he doth shall prosper.* Psal. xxxvij. 5. *Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.*

When thou often purposest to do good both for thy Soul and Body, and yet findest thy purposes broken; apply, *Thou shalt decree a thing, and the Lord shall establish it unto thee. He shall bring it to pass.* When thou art in doing any thing; apply, *Whatsoever he doth, it shall prosper.*

The XCI. LEGACY.

When thou art called to a great Work.

When thou art called to a great Work, wherein thou shalt have great opposition; apply, *Deut. xxxi. 8.* The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee, he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed. *2 Chron. xvi. 9.* The Lord will shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards him. *Psal. xci. 11, 12, 13.* He shall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all his ways. They shall bear thee up in their Hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the Lyon and the Adder: the young Lyon and the Dragon shalt thou trample under thy feet.

It matters not what be the lets opposeus; when the Lord goes before us, he will easily beat them down; nor what strength resist such, as he hath promised to shew his strength for; not how

how many be our dangers, when his Angels have charge over us to keep us: therefore go on in the work, and fear not the issue, being strengthened by the Promises of Him that never faileth his.

The XCII. LEGACY.

In times of Danger.

IN the time of danger; apply, 1 Sam. 2. 9. *The Lord will keep the feet of his Saints.* Prov. i. 33. *Whofo hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.* Job xi. 18, 19. *Thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety; also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid.* Psal. cxxv. 1, 2. *They which trust in the Lord, shall be as Mount Sion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the Mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his People, from henceforth even for ever.*

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Pfal. cxxi. 3, 4, 5. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel, will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Seeing the Lord is our keeper, we need not fear the danger.

The XCIII. LEGACY.

When thou art in great trouble, &c.

WHen thou art in great trouble; apply, Isa. xliij. 2. When thou passest through the Waters, I will be with thee, and through the Rivers, they shall not overflow thee: When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt, neither shall the flames kindle upon thee. vers. 20. I will give Waters in the Wilderness, and Rivers in the Desert, to give drink to my People, my chosen. Psal. xxxij. 6, 7. Surely in the floods of great Waters, they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding-place, thou shalt preserve

serve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with Songs of deliverance.

When thou feest thy self compassed with many Troubles, and beginnest to fear; apply, *I will be with thee, they shall not overflow thee.* In the fire of Affliction, thou shalt not only not be burnt; but the flame shall not kindle upon thee: the greatest trouble shall do thee the least harm; for God being with thee, will bring thee out as he did *Israel*, through the Sea, and the Three Children out of the fire, with not so much as the favour of fire about them: so shall not so much as the favour of evil be upon his, but he will compass them about with Songs of deliverance.

The XCVI. LEGACY.

When thou seemest to be forgotten in Affliction.

When thou seemest to be forgotten in Affliction; apply, *Psal. ix. 18. The Lord also will be a refuge for the*

the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. For the needy shall not alway be forgotten, the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

Isa. xlviii. 50. Can a Woman forget her sucking Child, that she should not have compassion on the Son of her Womb? yea, they may forget, yet will not I forget thee. Psal. cxxx. 9. He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger for ever. Lam. iij. 31, 32. The Lord will not cast off for ever. But though he cause grief, yet he will have compassion, according to the multitude of his mercies.

The XCV. LEGACY.

When thou fearest to die in misery.

When thou fearest thou shalt end thy days in misery, apply Job xxxvi. 11. They shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in plenty.

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The XCVI. LEGACY.

When thy Sorrows grow great.

When thy sorrows grow great; apply, Job xi. 16. Thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away. Job viij. 20, 21. Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. Psal. xxvij. 4. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thy heart. Psal. cxij. 4. Unto the upright there ariseth light in darkness. Psal. cxxvi. 5, 6. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy; He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his Sheaves with him.

Prov. x. 28. The hope of the righteous shall be gladness.

Mat. v. 4. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Job. xvi. 22. Ye now have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your hearts shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

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Hath sorrow taken deep root in thy soul, that thou fearest thou shalt never find hearty joy? apply, *He shall comfort thine heart.* Is such a cross upon thee, that thou fearest thou shalt never forget it? apply, *Thou shalt forget thy misery, as waters that pass away.*

The XCVII. LEGACY.

When thou knowest no way out of misery for Soul or Body.

WHen thou art in such an estate, as thou knowest no way out of misery, either for soul or body, or both; apply, *Jer. xxxiiij. 3. Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.*

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The XCVIII. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have deliverance
out of Trouble.*

IF thou wouldst have deliverance out of trouble; apply, *Psal. cxlix. 4.* *He will beautifie the meek with salvation:* or, He will make the meek glorious by deliverance.

Psal. xxxiv. 17, 19. *The righteous cry, and the Lord beareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.* *Job v. 17, 18, 19.* *Happy is the Man whom God correcteth, for he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.* *Psal. l. 15.* *Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.*

When thou art in many troubles, and fearest thou shalt never get out of all; apply, *The Lord will deliver thee out of all.*

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all. If the Lord hath delivered thee once or twice, and thou fearest he will not continue so still; as often as thou fallest into troubles, apply, *He shall deliver thee in six troubles, and the seventh it shall not touch thee.*

The XCIX. LEGACY.

If thine Enemies prevail.

WHen thy Enemies prevail; apply, *Psal. cxxv. 3.* The rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the Righteous; lest the Righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. *Psal. xviii. 3.* I will call upon the Lord: so shall I be saved from mine Enemies. *1 Sam. ij. 10.* The Adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces: the eyes of the wicked shall fail, their refuge shall perish: their hope shall be sorrow of mind. *Job xi. 20.* *Dent. xxviii. 7.* The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face.

Seest thou many to rise up to trouble thee

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thee? apply, *Thine Enemies that rise against thee, shall fall before thy face.* Hope they to prevail against thee? apply, *Their hope shall be sorrow of mine.* Have they great means to cause them to prosper? apply, *Their refuge shall perish.* Have they long oppressed thee? apply, *The rod of the wicked shall not always rest upon the lot of the righteous.* Seest thou no means to get from them? say with the Prophet David, *I will call upon the Lord, so shall I be safe from mine enemies.*

The C. LEGACY.

*That thou maist be delivered, and
thine Enemies afflicted.*

THat thou maist be delivered, and
thine Enemies afflicted in thy stead;
apply, *Deut. xxx. 7. The Lord thy God
will put all these Curses upon thine En-
emies, and on them that hate thee, which
persecute thee. Prov. xxi. 18. The wicked
shall be a ransom for the righteous; and
the transgressor for the upright.*

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The CI. LEGACY.

*If thou wouldst have thine Enemies
destroyed, &c.*

IF thou wouldst have thine Enemies
destroyed ; apply, Job viij. 22.
*They that hate thee, shall be cloathed with
shame, and the dwelling place of the wicked
shall come to nought.*

Isa. xli. 11, 13, 15. Behold, all they
which were incensed against thee, shall be
ashamed and confounded, they shall be as
nothing, and they that strive with thee
shall perish : for I the Lord thy God will
hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear
not, I will help thee. Thou shalt thresh
the mountains, and beat them small, and
shalt make the hills as chaff ; by which
Mountains and Hills is meant the grea-
test Enemies, 1 Sam. ij. 30. *They that
dispise me shall be lightly esteemed.* These
promises are to be applied by us, as
they are the Enemies of God and his
Gospel, and ours for his sake.

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The CII. LEGACY.

If the wicked plot against thee.

IF the wicked plot against thee; apply, *Psal. xxxvij. 12.* The wicked plot against the just, their Sword shall enter into their own heart, their bow shall be broken. The Lord shall laugh at him. *Isa. liv. 15.* The Enemies shall surely gather themselves together against thee, but not by me; whosoever shall gather themselves together against thee, shall fall.

The CIII. LEGACY.

In the troubles of the Church.

IN the troubles of the Church; apply, *Psal. cxxviii. 6.* Thou shalt see peace upon Israel. *vers. 5.* Thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy Life. *Jer. xxxi. 12.* Thou shalt come and sing in the heights of Sion: when thou hast applied the promises, and used

used all the means, and yet findest not thy self filled with God, as thou desirest, then comfort thy self with this, *Yet a little while, and when thou awakest thou shalt be satisfied with his Image.* Psal. xvij. 15.

THE CIV. LEGACY.

For the fall of Antichrist.

BECAUSE the time draweth near of the fall of Antichrist, we must stir up our selves to hasten the Lord by earnest prayers; and for the strengthening of our faith, apply these promises, Revel. xvij. 16. *And the ten Horns which thou sawest upon the Beast, these shall hate the Whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her with fire.* Rev. xvij. 8. 21. *Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burnt with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And a mighty Angel took up a stone,*
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like a great Milstone, and cast it into the Sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great City Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. Even so come Lord Jesus, and hasten this happy day.

The CV. LEGACY.

For the calling of the Jews.

SEeing the Lord hath promised many glorious things to the Jews, with much grace and peace both to the Jews and Gentiles at their Conversion; when the Ten Tribes shall be re-united to the Two, which never yet was; let us never give him rest till he set up Jerusalem the praise of the world: and for the strengthening of us in prayer, apply these promises, Ezek. xxxvij. 21, 22. Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will take the Children of Israel from among the Heathen whither they be gone; and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own Land: and I will make them one Nation,

tion, in the land upon the mountains of Israel: and one King shall be King to them all, and they shall be no more two Nations, neither shall they be divided into two Kingdoms any more at all. Jer. iij. 18. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the Land of the North, to the Land that I have given for an Inheritance unto your Fathers. Isa. lx. 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 16. The Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and Kings to the brightness of thy rising; thy Sons shall come from far, and thy Daughters shall be nursed at thy side: then thou shalt see and flow together, and thine heart shall fear and be enlarged, because the Sea shall be converted unto thee: the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many Generations: Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breasts of Kings. Isa. lxij. 2, 3. The Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all Kings thy

thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name; thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Isa. lxi. 4, 5, 6. They shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, they shall repair the waste Cities, the desolations of many Generations; And strangers shall stand and feed your Flocks, and the Sons of the Alien shall be your plough-men, and your vine-dressers: but ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast your selves. Isa. xlviii. 12. Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my Standard to the People, and they shall bring thy Sons in their arms, and thy Daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders, and Kings shall be thy nursing Fathers, and their Queens thy nursing Mothers, and they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the Earth, and lick up the dust of thy Feet.

A Postscript sent from the Author.

THese Promises I have observed; many more there be of most excellent use: But because they need opening for the understanding of them, I would not set them down, lest through the shallowness of my understanding I should wrong the precious Promises: but I picked out the most plain, and those that I found of continual use for soul and body, which I have found much good by: for the Promises are our Legacies bequeathed to us in the Will of our Father; and we are to claim them, as we stand in need of any of them. And surely that God which would not have Children wronged in that which is bequeathed to them in the Will of their Fathers, much less will he with-hold that

which his Son hath bequeathed to us in his last Will, which he sealed with his Blood. Therefore let us sue for them; for he saith, he will be sought to perform them to us. And when thou appliest any promise, look unto the condition, and labour to keep it, and doubt not of the performance of what is promised, for he is both able and faithful that hath promised.

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P R O M I S E I.

That Christ hath freely loved his
Elect in Christ Jesus.

I Will be gracious to whom I will be gracious: and I will shew mercy, on whom I will have mercy, *Exod. 33. 19.*

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgression for mine own sake, *Isa. 43. 25.*

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, *Isa. 44. 22.*

I will heal their back-slidings: I will love them freely, *Hof. 14. 4.*

II.

That God hath given Christ to death
for his Elect.

*I will put enmity between thee and the
woman: it shall bruise thy head, and thou
shalt bruise his heel, Gen. 3. 15.*

*But he was wounded for our transgres-
sions, Isa. 53. 5.*

*When he shall make his soul an offering
for sin, ver. 10.*

*He was numbered with the transgressors
and bare the sins of many, ver. 12.*

*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy
people to finish transgressions, and to make
an end of sin, Dan. 9. 24.*

III.

That we are freely justified by Jesus
Christ.

*So by the obedience of one, many shall be
made righteous, Rom. 5. 19.*

*And are justified freely by his Grace,
through the Redemption that is in Christ
Jesus, Rom. 3. 24.*

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By his knowledge shall my righteous Servant justifie many, Isa. 53. 11.

IV.

That God hath made a Covenant with his Children to be their God.

I will establisth my Covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting Covenant; to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee, Gen. 17. 10.

I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people, Lev. 26. 26.

With great and eternal mercies will I gather thee, Isa. 54. 7.

I will be their God, and they shall be my people, Jer. 31. 33.

I will say to them, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God, Hos. 2. 23.

V.

That God will call his Children to the knowledge of his Truth.

The meek will he teach his ways, Psal. 25. 9.

I will instruct thee, and teach thee in all the ways that thou shalt go, Psal. 32. 8.

All thy Children shall be taught of the Lord, Isa. 54. 13.

For they shall all know me from the least of them to the greatest, saith the Lord, Jer. 31. 34.

I am the Lord thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, and leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go, Isa. 48. 17.

VI.

That God will give his Spirit unto his Children.

I will pour out my Spirit upon you, Prov. 1. 23.

I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, Isa. 44. 3.

I will put my Spirit within you, Ezek. 36. 27.

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I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh,
Joel 2. 28.

*I will pour upon the house of David the
spirit,* Zech. 12. 10.

*I will pray unto the Father, and he shall
give you even the spirit of Truth,* Joh. 14.
16, 17.

VII.

That God will cause his Children to
trust in him by Faith.

*Many shall see it and fear, and shall
trust in the Lord,* Psal. 40. 3.

Under his wings shalt thou trust, Psal.
91. 4.

On my arms shall they trust, Isa. 51. 1.

The just shall live by his Faith, Hab.
2. 4.

They shall trust in the name of the Lord,
Zech. 3. 12.

In his name shall the Gentiles trust,
Matth. 12. 21.

VIII. That

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That God will give his Children an humble and broken heart.

I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh, Ezek. 11. 19.

I will pour on them the spirit of supplication: and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only Son, Zach. 12. 10.

Every mountain and hill shall be brought low, Luk. 3. 5.

The Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, Deut. 30. 6.

IX.

That God's Children shall have power to mortifie and overcome sin.

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the Law, but under Grace, Rom. 9. 12.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be cleansed from all your filthiness, Ezek. 36. 25.

He will subdue our iniquities, Micah 7. 19.

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*Every branch that beareth fruit, he pur-
geth it, Joh. 15. 2.*

X.

*That the Children of God shall live a
holy and sanctified life.*

*He shall be like a tree that bringeth
forth fruit in his season, Psal. 1. 3.*

*I will put my Law into their inward
parts, Jer. 31. 33.*

*The scent thereof shall be as the Wine of
Lebanon, Hos. 14. 7.*

*For their sakes sanctifie I my self, that
they may be sanctified through the Truth,
Joh. 17. 19.*

*In Holiness and Righteousness all the
days of our lives, Luk. 1. 75.*

*The Lord of peace sanctifie you through-
out, 1 Thes. 5. 23.*

*Faithful is he that hath promised you,
vers. 24.*

XI.

They that love God.

I will circumcise thy heart, and the heart

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of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayst live, Deut. 30. 6.

XII.

That God will give his Children hearts to delight in all his holy Ordinances.

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: They shall enter into the Kings Palace, Psal. 45. 15.

Therefore with joy shall they draw waters out of the wells of Salvation, Isa. 12. 3.

And in this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, 25. 26.

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer, 56. 7.

Ye shall be born upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees, 66. 12.

So will I comfort you, and ye shall be comforted, 13.

And when you see this, your hearts shall be comforted, 14.

The feast of the tenth month shall be unto the house of Judah, joy and gladness, and cheerful Feasts, Zach. 8. 19.

XII.

XIII.

That God will give his Children hearts
to fear and serve him.

They shall sanctifie my name, and sanctifie the holiness of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel, Isa. 29. 23.

They shall serve the Lord their God, and David their King. Jer. 30. 9.

That we being delivered out of the hands of our Enemies, might serve him without fear, Luk. 1. 74.

XIV.

That God will give his Children hearts
to seek him by prayer.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him, Psal. 91. 15.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall pray unto me, and I will hear you, Jer. 26. 12.

And ye shall seek me and find me: search for me with all your hearts, 13.

*I will pour upon the House of David
and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
the*

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the Spirit of Grace and of Supplications
Zach. 12. 10.

XV.

That God will hear the Prayers of his
Children.

*Call upon me in the day of trouble, and
I will deliver thee, Psal. 50. 15.*

*He shall call upon me, and I will answer
him, 91. 15.*

*He will hear their cry, and will save
them, 145. 12.*

*Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall
answer, Isa. 58. 9.*

*Before they call, I will answer; and
while they are speaking, I will hear, 65. 24.*

*Ye shall seek me, and shall find me: when
you shall seek me, I will be found of you,
Jer. 29. 13, 14.*

*Ye shall ask what you will, and it shall
be done unto you, Joh. 15. 7.*

*Ask and it shall be given you: seek and
ye shall find, Mat. 7. 7.*

*Whatsoever ye shall ask in Prayer belie-
ving ye shall receive, Mat. 21. 22.*

XVI. That

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That we may persevere in Grace.

They shall bring forth fruit in their old age, Psal. 21. 14.

His leaf shall not wither, 1. 2.

The Lord shall guide thee continually ; and satisfie thy soul in drought ; and make fat thy bones ; and thou shalt be like a watered Garden, and like a Spring whose waters fail not, Isa. 58. 11.

XVII.

That God will give unto his Children
the good Things of this Life.

But the meek shall inherit the Earth : and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace, Psal. 37. 11.

There is no want to them that seek him, Psal. 34. 11.

They that seek the Lord, shall not want any good thing, 10.

No good thing shall he with-hold from them that walk uprightly, Psal. 84. 11.

XVIII. That

XVIII.

That God will guide his Children by his special providence in all their ways.

I will not leave thee nor forsake thee,
Heb. 13. 15.

Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely
and thy foot shall not stumble, Prov. 3. 23.

For the Lord shall be thy confidence, 26.

He shall give his Angels charge over
thee, to keep thee in thy ways, Psal. 91. 11.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out,
and thy coming in, 111. 8.

And even to your old age I am he, and
even to hoar-hairs will I carry you, Isa.
46. 4.

XIX.

That God will bless those which are diligent in their Calling.

The Lord will command the blessing
upon thee in all thou settest thine hand unto,
Deut. 28. 8.

Thou shalt eat the labour of thy hand:
happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with
thee, Psal. 128. 2.

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The hand of the diligent maketh rich,
Prov. 10. 4.

*He that tilleth his Land, shall be satisfi-
ed with Bread,* 12. 11.

XX.

That God will bless those that keep
his Sabbaths.

*Blessed is the man that keepeth the Sab-
bath from polluting it,* Isa. 56. 2.

*If thou turn away thy foot from the Sab-
bath, from doing my pleasure on my holy
day, and call the Sabbath a delight,* 58. 3.

Then shall, &c. 14.

Then this City shall remain for ever,
Jer. 17. 24, 25.

XXI.

That God will reward those that are
fruitful in good Works.

*He hath given to the poor : his righte-
ousness endureth for ever,* Psal. 112. 9.

*The liberal soul shall be made fat : and he
that watereth, shall be watered also him-
self,* Prov. 11. 25.

Honour

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Honour the Lord with thy substance
and with the first fruits of all thine in-
crease, Prov. 3. 9.

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty:
and thy presses shall burst with new Wine,
10.

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be
blessed: for he giveth of his Bread to the
poor, Prov. 22. 9.

He that giveth to the poor shall not lack:
but he that hideth his eye shall have many
a curse, Prov. 28. 27.

Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou
shalt find it after many days, Eccl. 11. 1.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall
obtain mercy, Mat. 5. 7.

Whosoever shall give to drink unto one
of these little ones a cup of cold Water, he
shall in no wise lose his reward, Mat. 10. 42.

Then shall the King say to them on his
right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father
inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from
the foundation of the world, 25. 34.

XXII. That

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That we shall receive good by the Society of the Faithful.

He that walketh with wise men, shall be wise, Prov. 13. 20.

Then they that feared the Lord, spake often one to another: and he hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord, and thought upon his Name, Mal. 3. 16.

And they shall be mine, saith the Lord God of Hosts, in that day when I make up my Jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him, 17.

For where two or three be gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them, Mat. 18. 20.

XXIII.

That God will keep afflictions from his Children, as it may be for their good.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, Psal. 121. 7.

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The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in, from this time forth and
for evermore.

He shall cover thee with his Feathers,
and under his wings shalt thou trust: his
Truth shall be thy Shield and Buckler, Psal.
91. 4.

There shall no evil befall thee, neither
shall any Plague come near thy dwelling,
10.

As the mountains are about Jerusalem,
so is the Lord about his People for ever,
Psal. 115. 2.

XXIV.

That otherwise God will be with, pre-
serve, and keep his Children in affli-
ctions, that they hurt them not.

In all their afflictions, he was afflicted,
and the Angel of his Presence saved them:
in his love and in his pity he redeemed
them, and he bare them and carried them
all the days of old, Isa. 63. 6.

They shall not be ashamed in the Evil
time, and in the days of Famine they shall
be satisfied, Psal. 37. 19. He is their
strength

strength in the time of trouble, 39. The Lord shall help and deliver them from the wicked, and save them because they trust in him, 40. Fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Fear not, thou worm Jacob: I will help thee, saith the Lord God, and thy Redeemer, the holy one of Israel, 14.

When thou passest through the Water, I will be with thee, and through the Rivers that they shall not overflow thee. When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt, neither shall the flames kindle upon thee, Isa. 43. 2.

XXV.

That God will deliver his Children out of Affliction in his due time.

He shall deliver thee from the snare of the Fowler, and from the noisome Pestilence. Psal. 91. 3.

I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him and honour him, 15.

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*Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them out of them all,
Psal. 34. 19.*

*Call upon me in the day of trouble, and
I will deliver thee, Psal. 50. 15.*

*I will restore health unto thee: I will
heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord,
Jer. 30. 17.*

*I will deliver thee in that day, and thou
shalt not fall by the Sword, Jer. 39. 18.
Joh. 3. 19.*

XXVI.

*That God will sanctifie all afflictions for
the good of his People.*

*I will turn my hand upon thee, and pure-
ly purge away thy dross, and take away all
thy Tin, Isa. 1. 25.*

*By this therefore shall the iniquity of
Jacob be purged, and this is all the fruit,
to take away his sin, Isa. 27. 9.*

*And some of them of understanding shall
fall, to try them, and to purge and make
them white, Dan. 11. 35.*

*Many shall be purified and made white,
and tried, Dan. 12. 10.*

And

And I will bring the third part through the fire: and I will refine them, as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tryed, they shall call on my name, and I will hear them, Zach. 13. 9.

XXVI.

That God in his own time will subdue all the Enemies of his Church.

I will subdue all thy enemies, 2 Chron.

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I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the King of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks, Isa. 10. 12.

Therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips: and I will turn thee back by the way which thou camest, Isa. 37. 29.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, Psal. 37. 17.

I am against thee, O Gog, Ezek. 39. 1.

And I will turn thee back, 2.

And then shall that wicked be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming, 2 Thess. 2. 8.

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I will raise him up at the last day, 6. 40.

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O Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit ye the Kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world, Mat. 25. 34.

Thou shalt be recompenced at the resurrection of the just, Luk. 14. 14.

He that overcometh, shall inherit all things, Rev. 21. 7.

XXXI.

That God will make good and perform all that he hath promised.

And I will perform the Oath which I sware unto Abraham thy Father, Gen. 26. 3.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God he is God; the faithful God, which keepeth Covenant and mercy with them that love him, Deut. 7. 9.

Blessed be the Lord that hath given rest unto his people; there hath not failed one word of all his good promises which he promised, 1 King. 8. 5.

My Covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips, Psal. 89. 34.

Thus saith the Lord, If you can break my
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my Covenant of the day, and my Covenant of the night, that there should not be day and night in their season, Jer. 33. 20.

Then may also my Covenant be broken,
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For all the promises of God in him are Yea, and in him Amen, 2 Cor. 1. 20.

1. **G**ive me understanding and I shall keep thy word: yea I will observe it with my whole heart, *Psal. 119. 34.*

Deal with thy Servant according to thy mercies, and teach me thy statutes, *Psal. 119. 124.*

2. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my Mouth! *Psal. 119. 103.*

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me? *Psal. 116. 12.*

3. Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy loving kindness, *Psal. 119. 159.*

With my whole heart have I sought thee, O let me not wander from thy Commandments! *Psal. 119. 104.*

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4. For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven: thy faithfulness is unto all Generations, *Psal.* 113. 9.

Plead my cause and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word, *Psal.* 119. 154.

5. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth, *Psf.* 135. 6.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts, so shall I talk of thy wondrous works, *Psal.* 11. 27.

6. Remember thy word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope, *Psal.* 119. 49.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high? *Psal.* 113. 5.

7. Incline my heart unto thy Testimonies, and not to covetousness, *Psal.* 119. 36.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, thou knewest my paths, *Psf.* 142. 3.

8. My soul is continually in my hand, yet do I not forget thy Law, *Psf.* 119. 109.

Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear, *Psal.* 119. 38.

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 TO ALL
 TRUE BELIEVERS.

Gracious Believers,

KNowing you to be the only Heirs of those rich and precious Promises which it hath pleased our gracious Father freely to give unto his beloved Children: I have presumed without your knowledge, to bequeath unto you a Fatherless Child, brought forth into the world without the Parents knowledge; hoping you will not be unwilling to let it pass under your favourable protection. For the subject matter of it, it is very beautiful, and of such use, as no Child of God can pass to Heaven without it; and in that regard,

gard, it shall be no shame unto you whom the Lord hath honoured with the grace of believing, to accept of this small Treatise, from one that desires your prospering in your souls and bodies. There is no blemish in this that I dedicate unto you, but such as came by the hands of the unskilful bringers forth of it, which only minded their own good in it. And weighing daily the beauty of it, and the sweet refreshing strength which flowed from it, for the overcoming of those three deadly Enemies, the Devil, Sin, and the World, they desired that God would be pleased to move the minds of some of his most skilful workmen, to put to their hands, to frame a more perfect work upon so perfect a subject; and to give a more comely form to this so beautiful a subject; and till then, they intended to smother in their bosoms the beauty of this, rather than to bring it forth with the blemishes of their unskilfulness. But the good that may be gained by it, being unutterable, I hope grace in the hearts of God's People, will cause them, like

like the Bee, to suck out the sweet and nourishing virtue of these fragrant flowers that grow here and there in the Garden of God's Word, and not with discontent to cast away this pleasant poesie, gathered out of the Cœlestial Eden of the sacred Scriptures, because an unskilful hand, and indeed unworthy, hath bound them up together, not so orderly as might please the curious eye of man, no nor their own, neither was it their aim so to do. If any gain any good by it, the gatherers of these sweet flowers together, neither ~~deserve~~ nor desire thanks; for they intended it to none, but to themselves and some private Friends, whose importunity wrung some Copies from them, and now without their consent have published it. And now, since it is published and cannot be stopped, the Lord cause it to work in all his, according to that which he hath given the Promises for, to work in the hearts of his people, even to make them partakers of the Divine Nature, 2 Pet. i. 4. And as a means to make thee so, take every day a little poesie from
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the rest, out of the Promises gathered together, and apply it to thy self; see how thou standest in need of it, and every word in it, and then apply it to thy self by Faith, and let it stir thee up to go to God in prayer for the accomplishment of them unto thee: then wait in the diligent use of all means for the gaining of them; and you shall find God not only making you Heirs of Promises, but you shall be comfortable possessors of those many good things which God hath promised to Believers. The more you meditate, and the oftner you pray upon them, the more good will you see in them, and find flow from them. I say no more, but I doubt not but your experiences of good by these promises, will be more than I can make known unto you. I desire the God of mercies, our loving Father, in our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom all the Promises are Yea and Amen, to make you daily find experimentally, the truth of all his gracious Promises.



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